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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

2 ON APRIL 7, 2009, BEGINS ON PAGE 119.]

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THIS MORNING'S MEETING IF I  
7 COULD ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE TAKE THEIR SEAT. THIS MORNING,  
8 OUR INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY PASTOR ROGER SONNENBERG BY OUR  
9 SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ARCADIA, AND OUR PLEDGE WILL BE LED  
10 BY OUR VERY OWN MR. SMITH FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND  
11 VETERANS AFFAIRS. WOULD YOU ALL PLEASE STAND?

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13 **PASTOR ROGER SONNENBERG:** LET US PRAY. LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, ALL  
14 KNOWING AND ALWAYS PRESENT LORD, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR VERY  
15 PRESENCE HERE TODAY. WE THANK YOU FOR THESE SUPERVISORS WHO  
16 TIRELESSLY GIVE OF THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE  
17 OF LOS ANGELES AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS. SOLOMON OF OLD  
18 PRAYED "GIVE ME WISDOM, OH, LORD, AND KNOWLEDGE THAT I MAY  
19 LEAD THIS PEOPLE, FOR WHO IS ABLE TO GOVERN THIS GREAT PEOPLE  
20 OF YOURS"? EVEN TODAY WE COME ASKING FOR HELP. BUT WE ASK, AS  
21 WELL, WHO IS ABLE TO GOVERN THIS PEOPLE OF YOURS? WE PRAY GIVE  
22 TO THESE LEADERS WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE. EMPOWER THEM TO DISCERN  
23 BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG AND LEAD THEM TO DECISIONS THAT ARE  
24 MORAL. GIVE THEM STRENGTH AND COURAGE. SPEAK AND DO YOUR WILL  
25 THROUGH THESE MEN AND WOMEN. IN THIS WEEK CALLED HOLY WEEK FOR



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1 MANY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD DO HOLY THINGS THROUGH THESE  
2 SUPERVISORS. IN HIS NAME, AMEN.

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4 **COL. JOSEPH SMITH:** PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR  
5 HEART AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.  
6 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAME CHAIR, IT'S A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE  
9 ONCE AGAIN PASTOR ROGER SONNENBERG WHO IS THE PASTOR OF MY  
10 CHURCH, OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ARCADIA, TO LEAD US IN  
11 THE OPENING PRAYER THIS MORNING. PASTOR SONNENBERG IS A  
12 GRADUATE OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI WITH A  
13 MASTER'S DEGREE IN PSYCHOTHERAPY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE  
14 PASTORS A VERY LARGE CHURCH WITH THREE LARGE SERVICES ON  
15 SUNDAY AT 8:00, 10:45 AND 7 P.M. HE ALSO IS A PART-TIME  
16 PROFESSOR IN THE GRADUATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY PROGRAM AT  
17 CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY IN STEWART, NEBRASKA AS WELL AS HAS  
18 LECTURED AT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY IN IRVINE. HE HAS AUTHORED  
19 MANY ARTICLES, STUDIES AND BOOKS AND HE WRITES FOR MAGAZINES  
20 AND PUBLICATIONS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. HE AND HIS WIFE  
21 ROBIN, AND THEIR SON JACOB, WHO IS AN INTERN NOW LIVE IN  
22 ARCADIA. SO PASTOR SONNENBERG, THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN AND  
23 OPENING OUR MEETING WITH PRAYER. [APPLAUSE.]

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** IF I COULD HAVE OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL  
2   THE AGENDA.

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4   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR PRO TEM, MEMBERS  
5   OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4, AGENDA  
6   FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS  
7   1-D AND 2-D.

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9   **SUP. MOLINA:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY  
10   SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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12   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING  
13   AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H THROUGH 4-H. PLEASE NOTE THAT 4-H WAS  
14   ADDED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ON ITEM 4-H, THERE'S A  
15   REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. SO 1-H  
16   AND 3-H IS BEFORE YOU.

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18   **SUP. MOLINA:** 4-H IS?

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20   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IS BEING HELD BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

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22   **SUP. MOLINA:** AS WELL, ALL RIGHT. ON THOSE TWO ITEMS, MOVED BY  
23   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF  
24   THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK  
2 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,  
5 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,  
6 SO ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 17.  
9 ON ITEM NO. 9, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
10 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 10-- 9. ON ITEM  
11 NO. 10, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
12 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE  
13 YOU.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THOSE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED BY  
16 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF  
17 THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 12, CONSENT CALENDAR.  
20 ITEMS 18 THROUGH 49. ON ITEM NO. 18, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
21 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO APRIL  
22 14TH, 2009. AND THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
23 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE WILL HOLD THAT ITEM.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 22, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
3 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 38,  
4 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
5 ITEM. AND ON ITEM NO. 40, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF  
6 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 45, THE SHERIFF  
7 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS DEPARTMENT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY  
10 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.  
11 IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 25. ORDINANCE FOR  
14 INTRODUCTION, ITEM NO. 50. AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN  
15 FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6,  
16 SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE  
17 ADDITION, DELETION AND/ OR CHANGING OF CERTAIN  
18 CLASSIFICATIONS, A NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS  
19 DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS OF THE CLASSIFICATION  
20 STUDY.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.  
23 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION,  
24 SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
2 WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING  
3 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 51-A,  
4 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
5 ITEM. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF  
6 SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT  
7 NO. 4.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN THIS MORNING BY HAVING A  
10 SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF OUR L.A. COUNTY STARS. THIS MORNING,  
11 WE ARE HONORING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY STARS. THIS IS IN THE  
12 CATEGORY TODAY OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE. WE WANT TO WELCOME DR.  
13 SADINA REYNALDO, WHO HAS BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
14 FOR OVER 10 YEARS. HER EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND INCLUDES INFLUENZA  
15 SURVEILLANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN MANAGEMENT TEAMS WHICH FOCUS  
16 ON EMERGING DISEASES WHICH AFFECT COUNTY RESIDENTS SUCH AS  
17 WEST NILE VIRUS AS WELL AS S.A.R.S. IN 2006, DR. REYNALDO,  
18 JOINED THE PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PLANNING AND PREPARED ISSUES  
19 WHERE SHE HAS FLOURISHED. THIS UNIT SUPPORTS NATIONALLY FUNDED  
20 DIRECTIVES AND CONDUCTS NUMEROUS PREPAREDNESS AND PLANNING  
21 ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS.  
22 IN 2008, DR. REYNALDO DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED OVER 20  
23 WORKSHOPS ATTENDED BY OVER 500 PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING KEY  
24 EMERGING-- EMERGENCY PARTNERS AS WELL AS FIRST RESPONDERS  
25 THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THESE WORKSHOPS



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1 SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE THE EMERGENCY READINESS OF CORE COUNTY  
2 AGENCIES SUCH AS FIRE AND POLICE AS WELL AS HOSPITALS,  
3 UTILITIES AND OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS. DR. REYNALDO ALSO  
4 LED SEVEN WORKSHOPS TO HELP L.A. AREA SCHOOLS TO PREPARE FOR  
5 AND RECOVER FROM A PANDEMIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. IN RECOGNITION  
6 OF HER EXEMPLARY COUNTY SERVICE, DR. REYNALDO RECENTLY WAS  
7 NAMED THE 2008 MOST OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR. THAT IS  
8 PRETTY IMPRESSIVE, DR. REYNALDO. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU  
9 AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR SERVICE. AND MORE  
10 IMPORTANTLY FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL LEADERSHIP YOU PROVIDED.  
11 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] BEFORE I ASK DR. REYNALDO TO COME  
12 UP AND JOIN US, I'M GOING TO ASK DR. FIELDING TO COME UP AND  
13 SAY A FEW WORDS, IF YOU WOULD.

14

15 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR. WELL,  
16 WHEN SADINA TALKS, EVERYBODY LISTENS. [LAUGHTER.] EXCEPT  
17 PERHAPS HER DAUGHTER. [LAUGHTER.] SHE IS SPELLBINDING. SHE'S  
18 KNOWLEDGEABLE. SHE'S CREATIVE. SHE'S WORKED MAGIC WITH OUR  
19 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SCHOOLS. BECAUSE OF HER, SCHOOLS, SCHOOL  
20 CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE MUCH BETTER PREPARED FOR EVERY  
21 EMERGENCY. SHE IS A JOY TO HAVE IN THIS DEPARTMENT. AND WE ARE  
22 ALL VERY PROUD OF HER HER.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO OUR EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR,  
25 DR. REYNALDO, PLEASE JOIN US. SAY A FEW WORDS. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **DR. SADINA REYNALDO:** THANK YOU. MY DAUGHTER CARRIE, MY HUSBAND  
3 RANDY. BUT I REALLY HAVE TO THANK ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT I  
4 WORK WITH. THIS REALLY SHOULD BE A TEAM AWARD. STEPHANIE AND  
5 EVE, WHO ARE IN THE AUDIENCE. DR. OLSTEAD, DR. MUSCOLA, DR.  
6 PLOW. THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT'S A GREAT TEAM TO WORK FOR.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR PRESENTATIONS?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE A GOOD FRIEND AND  
13 COMMUNITY LEADER, VITO CANNELLA, WHO IS BEING RECOGNIZED FOR  
14 HIS 24 YEARS OF HARD WORK ON THE INSTITUTION AND INSPECTIONS  
15 COMMISSION WHERE HE HAS SERVED OUR COUNTY WITH DISTINCTION. WE  
16 HAVE RELIED UPON VITO ON MANY OCCASIONS TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP  
17 AND INPUT. HE HAS MANY DEEP ROOTS WITHIN THE MONTROSE  
18 COMMUNITY, HAVING FORMERLY SERVED AS THE POSTMASTER GENERAL  
19 FOR MONTROSE. AFFILIATED AND A LEADER IN THE KNIGHTS OF  
20 COLUMBUS, THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION AND THE CRESCENTA  
21 VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ALSO VOLUNTEERS WITH THE RECREATION  
22 PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE CITY OF PASADENA  
23 AND TERRA DE SOL SCHOOL AND SUNLAND FACILITY FOR PEOPLE WITH  
24 DISABILITIES. SO VITO IS WITH ME AND OUR DELEGATION WHEN WE  
25 MET THE POPE A COUPLE YEARS AGO AT THE VATICAN. AND HE ALSO



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1 SAT IN THE POPE'S CHAIR, WHICH I ALSO SAT IN. IT WAS A VERY  
2 BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY. VITO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND  
3 DEDICATION. AND WE WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS. AND THANK YOU,  
4 AGAIN. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **VITO CANNELLA:** IF I MAY, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE A FEW OTHER  
7 PEOPLE FROM THE INSTITUTION AND INSPECTION COMMISSION THAT  
8 HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH ME FOR MANY YEARS. CHAIRMAN OF THE  
9 COMMISSION, ELERIO MONTANO ONE OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE  
10 INSTITUTION INSPECTION COMMISSION, JANICE DAVIS AND BEHIND ME  
11 CARL MOORE, ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION. MIKE, I WOULD  
12 LIKE TO THANK YOU AND THE REST OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR  
13 HAVING GIVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE LAST 24 YEARS TO SERVE  
14 AS A MEMBER OF THE SYBIL BRAND INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTION  
15 COMMISSION. I REGRET THAT I HAVE TO RESIGN THE COMMISSION  
16 AFTER 24 YEARS BECAUSE OF MY WIFE'S ILLNESS. SHE NEEDS ME AT  
17 HOME EVERY DAY. BUT I REGRET, LIKE I SAID, TO LEAVE THE  
18 COMMISSION. AND IN MY MIND AND IN MY HEART, I WILL BE WITH THE  
19 SYBIL BRAND INSTITUTION AND INSPECTION COMMISSION ALL MY LIFE.  
20 HAVING SAID THAT, I'M GOING TO CONCLUDE BY SAYING FOR ANYONE  
21 THAT CAN SEE ME IN THIS PROGRAM OR HEAR ME, IF YOU HAVE SOME  
22 SPARE TIME, PLEASE PARTICIPATE, VOLUNTEER YOUR SERVICE IN ANY  
23 CAPACITY THAT YOU CAN. I CAN GUARANTEE YOU IF YOU ARE DOING  
24 THAT, THAT YOU WILL FEEL IT TO BE A BETTER PERSON KNOWING THAT  
25 YOU PARTICIPATION WOULD ENSURE BETTER NEIGHBORHOOD, BETTER



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1 CITY, BETTER COUNTY, BETTER STATE AND A BETTER NATION. AND  
2 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE'RE GOING TO DECLARE AG. DAY IN L.A.  
5 APRIL 22ND THROUGH THE 23RD. AND WE HAVE KURT FLORIN WHO'S OUR  
6 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH LINDA ALAMI,  
7 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, MARY LANDON, CALIFORNIA'S WOMEN FOR  
8 AGRICULTURE. AG. DAY IS FILLED WITH MANY HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES  
9 FOR OUR THIRD AND FOURTH GRADERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS  
10 ANGELES WHICH PROVIDES A FUN AND EXCITING WAY FOR THE TEACHERS  
11 TO ADDRESS STATE STANDARDS AS WELL AS TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURAL  
12 LITERACY PROGRAMS FOR OUR YOUTH. MANY CHILDREN, IT WILL BE AN  
13 EYE OPENING EVENT IN THAT THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN FARM ANIMALS  
14 BEFORE. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 48TH  
15 DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION'S AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION  
16 FAIR. THE A.D.A. AG. DAY L.A. 2009 WELCOMES CHILDREN'S AUTHOR  
17 STEPHANIE BLOOM OF "A PLACE TO GROW" FOR AN ON SITE BOOK  
18 READING. MISS BLOOM IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE GROWING GOOD KIDS  
19 EXCELLENCE IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE BOOK AWARDS PROGRAM AS  
20 WELL AS HAS BEEN A PARTICIPATE OF THE SMITHSONIAN'S FIRST  
21 ANNUAL GARDEN FESTIVAL. SO EVERYONE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS  
22 NEW EDITION. THIS IS A JOINT PARTNERSHIP EVENT SPONSORED BY  
23 THE 48TH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION, OUR OWN L.A.  
24 COUNTY FARM BUREAU, L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
25 COMMISSION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ALONG WITH THE CALIFORNIA



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1 WOMEN FOR AGRICULTURE IN LOS ANGELES CHAPTER. SO  
2 CONGRATULATIONS AS WE PROCLAIM THE WEEK AG. DAY L.A.  
3 [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **KURT FLOREN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VERY MUCH. WE'RE  
6 VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS EVENT. IT OF COURSE IS A GREAT  
7 PARTNERSHIP AMONG ALL THOSE THAT THE SUPERVISOR MENTIONED. IN  
8 SPITE OF OUR-- THE PRESSURES OF OUR CURRENT ECONOMY, WE ALL  
9 ARE BLESSED WITH A CONSISTENT AND RICH SUPPLY OF FOOD AND  
10 FIBER. CALIFORNIA IS SO RICH IN AGRICULTURE AND LEADS THE  
11 NATION IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. AND OF COURSE LOS ANGELES  
12 COUNTY HAS A VERY, VERY RICH AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE. BUT IT'S  
13 DIFFICULT TO SEE ANY MORE THE FARMS AND RANCHES AND DAIRIES  
14 THAT PRODUCE ALL THAT FOOD, AND FEW KIDS IN THE URBAN  
15 ENVIRONMENT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THAT. IT'S IMPORTANT  
16 FOR THEM TO UNDERSTAND WHERE THEIR FOOD AND FIBER COMES FROM,  
17 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIGH QUALITY FOOD AND GOOD HEALTH AND  
18 THE IMPORTANCE OF SUSTAINING AGRICULTURE IN OUR ENVIRONMENT.  
19 SO OF COURSE AG. DAY PROVIDES THAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM. SO  
20 WE'RE VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO THE AG. DAY EVENT ON APRIL  
21 22ND AND 23RD, VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THIS RECOGNITION. AND JUST  
22 TO PROMOTE GREEN LIVING AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT, WE  
23 HAVE SOME REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS FOR EACH OF YOU. I APPRECIATE  
24 THAT. THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE COUGARS, THE  
2    DEFEATED NO. 1 RANKED TEAM IN THE NATION, NORTHERN UNIVERSITY  
3    ARIZONA BECAME THE COLLEGIATE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION'S 2008-2009  
4    CHAMPIONS. THIS IS THE SECOND CHAMPIONSHIP THAT THE COUGARS  
5    HAVE EARNED. AND WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT THEY ARE HERE TODAY  
6    WITH THEIR COACH, JOHN TAFFNER, THEIR ASSISTANT COACH JIM  
7    SKARACH AND MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE OF THE CANYON'S HOCKEY  
8    TEAM. THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS WAS JUST  
9    RECOGNIZED AT THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION LUNCHEON TWO WEEKS AGO AS  
10   ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING WOMEN IN THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL  
11   DISTRICT. UNBEKNOWNST TO MANY OF THE OUTSIDE OF SOUTHERN  
12   CALIFORNIA'S HOCKEY SCENE, COLLEGE OF THE CANYON HAS  
13   CONSISTENTLY PUT TOGETHER A WINNING HOCKEY TEAM IN ONLY NINE  
14   YEARS OF EXISTENCE. ALTHOUGH THE COUGARS ARE A CLUB TEAM, THEY  
15   HAVE BEEN A SIGNIFICANT PRESENCE IN THE CLUB HOCKEY LANDSCAPE  
16   SINCE THEIR FIRST SEASON NINE YEARS AGO, DRAWING LOCAL TALENT  
17   FROM YOUTH PROGRAMS AT I STATION VALENCIA AND OTHERS AT L.A.  
18   COUNTY RINKS. THE DEAN OF PHYSICAL PLANT AND FACILITIES  
19   PLANNING AND HEAD COACH JOHN TAFFNER STARTED THE PROGRAM WHEN  
20   THEY SAW LOCAL TALENTED PLAYERS AWAY FROM SCHOOL. THEY CAUGHT  
21   ON QUICKLY AND HAVE LEFT ITS MARK ON OUR LOCAL CLUB HOCKEY,  
22   ADVANCING TO FOUR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE 2003. COLLEGE  
23   OF THE CANYONS IS ONE OF ONLY FIVE COMMUNITY COLLEGES TEAM IN  
24   THE AMERICAN COLLEGIATE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION DIVISION'S 122  
25   TOTAL TEAMS. BENEFITS FROM HAVING A RINK JUST MILES AWAY FROM



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1 CAMPUS AND A THRIVING YOUTH PROGRAM AT THE ICE STATION.  
2 MEMBERS OF THE PACIFIC COAST HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, SINCE ITS  
3 INCEPTION, THE C.O.C. WON ITS SECOND TITLE THIS YEAR AND THEIR  
4 FIRST SINCE 2004. THE COUGARS HAD A 17-4 AS A THIRD SEED,  
5 CINCHED THE P.C.H.A. TITLE WITH AN 8-1 WIN OVER THE TOP-SEEDED  
6 NORTHERN ARIZONA IN THE FINAL IN FRESNO. SO THIS SEASON'S  
7 SUCCESS IS A TURNAROUND FROM LAST SEASON WHEN THEY FINISHED 1-  
8 13. BUT LIKE TRUE CHAMPIONS, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A WINNER  
9 AND CHAMPION IS A WINNER GETS UP AFTER BEING KNOCKED DOWN.  
10 THEY GOT UP OFF THE ICE AND CONGRATULATIONS, WE GIVE YOU THIS  
11 PLAQUE ON YOUR CHAMPIONSHIP. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I TAKE THIS  
14 AWARD NOT AS AN INDIVIDUAL BUT AS A TEAM AWARD. AND THESE GUYS  
15 HAVE COME BACK FROM THE ASHES FROM LAST YEAR AND FOUND OUT  
16 THAT IT'S THROUGH THAT SPIRIT THAT THEY CAN OVERCOME. A LOT OF  
17 THESE GUYS ARE NOT GOING TO LEAVE TODAY. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO  
18 SIGN ANY PRO CONTRACTS. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GET ANY SIGNING  
19 BONUSES. BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT? THEY'RE GOING TO WALK OUT AND  
20 THE DOORS OF EDUCATION ARE GOING TO GO OPEN. THEY'RE GOING TO  
21 HAVE A MILLION OPPORTUNITIES SET BEFORE THEM. AND HOCKEY WAS  
22 JUST A TOOL IN THAT. SOMETIMES WE FORGET THAT WE ARE IN THE  
23 GREATEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. WE'RE ALSO IN THE GREATEST  
24 STATE WITHIN THAT COUNTRY. AND ALSO WE SERVE IN THE GREATEST  
25 COMMUNITY AND COUNTY, THIS IS LOS ANGELES. WE JUST THANK YOU



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1 FOR THIS RECOGNITION AND ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR US. IT WAS HARD  
2 WORK AND WE WANT TO CONTINUE ON. AND, AGAIN, WE PALE IN  
3 COMPARISON TO SOME OF THE PEOPLE HERE THAT REALLY DESERVE THIS  
4 AWARD. WE ARE HAPPY TO ACCEPT IT. AND THESE GUYS WORKED VERY,  
5 VERY HARD THIS YEAR. WE CAME WITH ONE GOAL, AND THAT IS THAT  
6 WE CAN ACHIEVE AND WE CAN DO GOOD THINGS. AND THESE GUYS  
7 DIDN'T EVEN DO GOOD THINGS, THEY DID GREAT THINGS. SO WE  
8 ACCEPT THIS AWARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE A LITTLE SHIH TZU MIX, HE'S 2 YEARS  
11 OLD. HIS NAME IS CHARLIE. WITH THE RED SWEATER. THIS IS LITTLE  
12 CHARLIE. CHARLIE IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. AND ANYBODY THAT WOULD  
13 LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE CHARLIE, THE SWEATER GOES WITH HIM. HE'S  
14 VERY RESERVED. 562-728-4644 IF YOU'RE AT HOME HE LIKES  
15 TELEVISION. HE LIKES THE NEWS. BUT DO THE CAMERA MEN LIKE  
16 LITTLE CHARLIE? HUH? PUT A LITTLE SPICE IN YOUR LIFE, HUH?  
17 ANYWAY, LITTLE CHARLIE IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. ANYBODY THAT  
18 WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT HIM. OKAY. THAT'S ALL I HAVE. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH. I'M GOING TO ASK DR.  
21 FIELDING TO COME UP AND JOIN ME, AS WELL. BECAUSE THIS WEEK IS  
22 PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS CELEBRATING ITS 22ND  
23 ANNUAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK, WHICH BEGAN ON MONDAY, APRIL 6TH  
24 AND RUNS THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH. DURING PUBLIC HEALTH  
25 WEEK, THE DEPARTMENT MAKES A SPECIAL EFFORT TO INFORM ALL



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1 RESIDENTS ABOUT THE SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE YEAR ROUND.  
2 PUBLIC SERVICE WEEK INCREASES THE COMMUNITY'S AWARENESS ON THE  
3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S EFFORT TO PREVENT AND CONTROL  
4 THE SPREAD OF DISEASE, PREPARING FOR DISASTERS AND INSURING A  
5 HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT. THIS YEAR, PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK TEAM IS  
6 BUILDING THE FOUNDATION FOR A HEALTHY LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
7 ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES INCLUDE H.I.V./A.I.D.S. TESTING AND  
8 SCREENINGS FOR CARDIOVASCULAR, CANCER, BREAST CANCER AND  
9 DIABETES. I'M SORRY. CERVICAL CANCER. NOT CARDIOVASCULAR  
10 CANCER. I DON'T THINK THERE IS SUCH A THING. I'M MAKING THINGS  
11 UP AS I GO ALONG HERE. (LAUGHING) THE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO USE  
12 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE GOOD NUTRITION, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY  
13 AND LEAD POISONING PREVENTION, AS WELL, AMONG MANY OF THE  
14 OTHER EFFORTS. ALL OF OUR LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO  
15 ATTEND VARIOUS COUNTY ACTIVITIES THAT ARE CARRIED OUT BY  
16 VARIOUS EMPLOYEES OF OUR COUNTY IN OUR PUBLIC HEALTH  
17 DEPARTMENT. SO CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR OUTSTANDING  
18 WORK.

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20 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR.  
21 [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHARE A FEW WORDS, DR. FIELDING, ABOUT THE  
24 ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK.

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1 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE ACTIVITIES ALL  
2 AROUND THE COUNTY. AND SOME PEOPLE WONDER IF PUBLIC HEALTH IS  
3 IMPORTANT. WELL, IT'S ONLY IMPORTANT IF YOU CARE ABOUT THE AIR  
4 YOU BREATHE, IF YOU WANT WATER THAT IS, IN FACT, PURE, IF YOU  
5 WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE PROGRAMS FOR THOSE THAT HAVE SERIOUS  
6 DRUG PROBLEMS AND WANT TO BE ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY, OR  
7 CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS, OR IF YOU'RE CONCERNED  
8 THAT WE PREPARED TO PREVENT EPIDEMICS OF AVIAN FLU OR OTHER  
9 KIND OF PROBLEMS, IF YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT PROVIDING CARE FOR  
10 PEOPLE WHO HAVE TUBERCULOSIS AND WE DON'T WANT THOSE ISSUES  
11 SPREAD IN THE COMMUNITY. SO IF YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT WHO'S  
12 THERE TO PROTECT YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY, PUBLIC HEALTH IS A  
13 SAFETY RESPONDER. AND ON BEHALF OF THE 4,000 EMPLOYEES AND  
14 THOSE MANY PEOPLE WHO GET THE SERVICES, WE ARE HERE FOR  
15 EVERYBODY IN L.A. COUNTY. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS  
16 RECOGNITION. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, PLEASE?

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. MAY I  
21 ASK THAT CORDE CARRILLO COME FORWARD AND HELP ME AS WE  
22 CELEBRATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK. AS MANY OF US KNOW AND  
23 APPRECIATE, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REPRESENTS ONE OF THE  
24 MOST DIVERSE JURISDICTIONS IN THE NATION. THE COMMUNITY  
25 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES OPERATES



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1 THE LARGEST URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
2 PROGRAM IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN  
3 OPERATION SINCE 1974, PROVIDING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH THE  
4 RESOURCES REQUIRED TO MEET NEEDS OF PERSONS OF LOW AND  
5 MODERATE INCOME AND TO HELP THEM ELIMINATE THOSE CONDITIONS  
6 THAT WE TYPICALLY DEFINE AS SLUM CONDITIONS AND/OR BLIGHTED  
7 CONDITIONS. THE C.D.B.G. FUNDS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO A GREAT  
8 NUMBER OF NEIGHBORHOOD-BASED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS  
9 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND THIS PROGRAM HAS HAD  
10 A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S LOCAL ECONOMY  
11 THROUGH JOB CREATION, JOB RETENTION, REDEVELOPMENT AND,  
12 FINALLY, IMPROVEMENT FOR THE TAX BASE ITSELF. AND SO THEREFORE  
13 IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRETY OF  
14 THE BOARD, THAT WE PROCLAIM APRIL 12-18 OF THIS YEAR AS  
15 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK, AND WE DO IT WITH A GREAT DEGREE  
16 OF PRIDE FOR THE WORK THAT WE ARE DOING AND THOSE THINGS THAT  
17 ARE YET TO COME. SO CORDE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP UP TO  
18 THIS POINT, AND WE PRESENT THIS TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE WHOLE  
19 BOARD. [APPLAUSE.]

20  
21 **CORDE CARRILLO:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
22 BOARD FOR THIS RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK AND  
23 THE FINE WORK THAT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM DOES FOR  
24 SO MANY THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. LAST YEAR, ABOUT \$59 MILLION  
25 WAS SPENT AND ASSISTED 1.2 MILLION LOW TO MODERATE INCOME



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1 PEOPLE, CREATED OVER 5,000 BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND IT  
2 ALSO CREATED ABOUT 5,000 IN JOBS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
3 PROGRAMS. APPROXIMATELY 260 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS WERE ALSO  
4 FUNDED. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE PARTNERSHIPS THAT WE'VE  
5 DEVELOPED WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM AND  
6 LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED SUCCESS OVER THE YEARS. ONE OF THE  
7 RECOGNITIONS I'D ALSO LIKE TO MAKE IS TO OUR COMMUNITY  
8 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DIVISION THAT DOES SUCH AN EXCELLENT  
9 JOB OF SUSTAINING THE PROGRAM OVER THE YEARS AND THE  
10 FLEXIBILITY AND CREATIVITY THAT THAT DIVISION THAT THAT THEN  
11 COMES UP WITH OVER THE YEARS. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12 [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IMPORTANT WORK AS WE POINT TO THE  
15 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT, THEREFORE  
16 WE OWE A GREAT DEAL OF GRATITUDE TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
17 COMMISSION. MAY I NOW EXTEND THE CELEBRATION OF WORTHY EFFORTS  
18 TO THE HEALTHY PARKS MONTH. AND I'M GOING TO CALL RUSS GUINEY  
19 AND THE ENTIRE TEAM FORWARD, JOHN WICKER, NORMAN GARCIA,  
20 KATHLEEN RITTER AND DEBBY MARTIN. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, APRIL  
21 IS DESIGNATED AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL AS HEALTHY PARKS MONTH.  
22 AND WE DO SO, IN LARGE MEASURE, BECAUSE OF THE EPIDEMIC OF  
23 OBESITY THAT FACES THE NATION. IT'S WORTH OUR TAKING NOTE OF  
24 THE FACT THAT MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF U.S. ADULTS, MORE THAN 72  
25 MILLION PEOPLE, ARE FACED WITH THIS PARTICULAR HEALTH MALADY.



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1 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, IT IS NO SECRET THAT THERE HAS  
2 BEEN AN ALARMING INCREASE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF SCHOOL AGED  
3 CHILDREN IN THE FIFTH THROUGH THE SEVENTH ALL THE WAY THROUGH  
4 THE NINTH GRADES WHO ARE SUFFERING, AS WELL. THESE ARE MATTERS  
5 OF GREAT CONSEQUENCE AS WE SEEK TO TACKLE THE QUESTION OF  
6 HEALTHCARE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, PARTICULARLY FROM THE  
7 PERSPECTIVE OF PREVENTION. IT IS LARGELY WHY THE BOARD, MANY  
8 OF US, ARE CONCERNED ABOUT SCHOOL HEALTH CENTERS IN OUR  
9 RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS BECAUSE IT IS A WAY IN WHICH WE CAN HELP  
10 TACKLE SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS. AND SO WE JOIN FORCES WITH THE  
11 EDUCATION COMMUNITY, HEALTHCARE ADVOCATES, HEALTH PROVIDERS  
12 AND THOSE WHO UNDERSTAND THE BUSINESS OF RECREATION AS IS  
13 DEMONSTRATED BY THESE PROFESSIONALS WHO STAND HERE. AND WE  
14 DECLARE OURSELVES IN ASSOCIATION WITH HEALTHY PARKS MONTH  
15 BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THERE IS A JOINT EFFORT THAT NEEDS TO BE  
16 PURSUED IN ORDER TO HELP YOUNGSTERS EXPERIENCE A HIGHER  
17 QUALITY OF LIFE AND LIVE IN A MORE HEALTHY STATE. SO THEREFORE  
18 WE PRESENT THIS TO OUR DEPARTMENT THAT'S ALREADY SHOWING  
19 LEADERSHIP, AND WE'RE GOING TO ASK THEM, THAT, RUSS, IF YOU  
20 WOULD HAVE A FEW WORDS, AS WE DECLARE HEALTHY PARKS MONTH IN  
21 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **RUSS GUINEY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
24 AND RECREATION IS THE PRIMARY RECREATION PROVIDER FOR THE  
25 SECOND LARGEST CITY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THAT'S THE



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1 MILLION PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND THE  
2 ISSUES THAT WERE OUTLINED BY THE SUPERVISOR ARE VERY IMPORTANT  
3 TO THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTY. IF WE HAVE CHILDREN THAT ARE  
4 OVERWEIGHT AND UNHEALTHY, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ADULTS THAT ARE  
5 OVERWEIGHT AND UNHEALTHY. SO THE IMPORTANCE OF REACHING OUT TO  
6 THESE CHILDREN AT AN EARLY DATE IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. AND  
7 WE TAKE THIS VERY SERIOUSLY IN OUR PARKS. WE'RE CHANGING  
8 EVERYTHING FROM THE SNACKS WE PROVIDE IN OUR AFTERSCHOOL AND  
9 DAYCARE PROGRAMS, WHERE WE'RE PROVIDING MORE HEALTHY SNACKS,  
10 MORE FRUITS, MORE VEGETABLES, LESS SUGARY FOODS, LESS FATTY  
11 FOODS, TO AN EXERCISE PROGRAM WHERE WE GET KIDS OUT OF THE  
12 COMPUTER CLASS AND GET THEM OUTSIDE TO DO SOME EXERCISING SO  
13 THEY INTEGRATE HEALTHY EATING, A REGIME OF EXERCISE INTO THEIR  
14 DAILY LIVES. AND PROVIDING ALL TYPES OF EXERCISE AND SPORTS  
15 LEAGUES IN COMMUNITIES THAT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY ARE  
16 GENERALLY UNDERSERVED. AND THESE COMMUNITIES DON'T HAVE  
17 COMMERCIAL GYMNASIUMS OR ATHLETIC CLUBS. AND WE ARE THE  
18 FACILITIES OF LAST RESORT AND ONLY RESORT. AND THE IMPORTANCE  
19 OF YOUR PARKS IN THESE UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IS EXTREMELY  
20 IMPORTANT IN TURNING AROUND THESE ISSUES AND DEALING WITH  
21 CHILDHOOD OBESITY, DIABETES AND OTHER MALADIES THAT ARE  
22 AFFECTING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE BOARD  
23 SUPPORT AND, SUPERVISOR, YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE PARKS  
24 DEPARTMENT, AND EFFORTS THAT WE'RE MAKING TO CREATE HEALTHY  
25 PARKS, WHICH ARE REALLY ISLANDS OF HEALTH AND HOPE FOR THE



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1 PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

2 [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE IT. I GUESS WE'RE  
5 STARTING OUR AGENDA ITEMS, AND I'M GOING TO CALL SUPERVISOR  
6 ANTONOVICH FOR YOUR ITEMS. YOU'RE UP FIRST.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 51-A.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT ITEM, I'M SORRY?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 51-A?

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 51-A.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HELD BY THE PUBLIC.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THIS HAS BEEN HELD BY MR. LANG. TED  
19 LANG, IS THAT CORRECT? DO YOU WANT TO COME UP AND JOIN US AT  
20 THE CENTER TABLE, PLEASE? SO IF YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND  
21 YOUR TESTIMONY.

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23 **TED LANG:** MY NAME IS TED LANG. AND I WAS THE FOUNDER AND THE  
24 FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE LA TUNA CANYON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.  
25 THE ASSOCIATION CAME TO BE BECAUSE WE HAD TO RID LA TUNA



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1 CANYON ROAD OF THE LARGE TRUCKS FREQUENTLY 4 TO 500 TRUCKS  
2 FROM JUST THE GARBAGE COMPANIES THAT TRAVERSED IT EVERY DAY.  
3 LA TUNA CANYON ROAD WAS NOT BUILT FOR THIS PARTICULAR TYPE OF  
4 SERVICE. IT WAS AN 8-INCH THICK ROAD. AS A RESULT, WITH JOE  
5 WACHS, MY WIFE ANGEL TOMKINS, GOLDEN GLOBE NOMINATED ACTRESS,  
6 EXCUSE ME, ANGEL TOMKINS, AND MYSELF AS A LATE NIGHT COMEDY  
7 WRITER, WE PUT THIS TOGETHER, AND WE LEGISLATED THE TRUCKS OFF  
8 THE ROAD. THERE ARE SIGNS OFF THE LA TUNA CANYON ROAD OFF  
9 RAMP, BOTH ON THE FREEWAYS THAT TELL TRUCKS THAT WEIGH OVER  
10 6,000 POUNDS THEY CANNOT GO DOWN THAT STREET. NOW, SIMILAR  
11 SIGNS EXIST ON ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST ROAD. THE PROBLEM IS  
12 THERE IS NO ENFORCEMENT OF THIS. TODAY I WOULD SAY THAT WE'VE  
13 HAD A 90 PERCENT REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF TRUCKS THAT GO UP  
14 AND DOWN THE ROAD THAT WEIGH OVER 6,000 POUNDS. FREQUENTLY,  
15 THOUGH, A TRACTOR TRAILER WILL GET STOPPED, AND THOSE FINES  
16 FOR THOSE TRUCKS EXCEED \$30,000 FOR ONE TRUCK. SO I FEEL THAT  
17 SINCE THE SIGNS ARE IN PLACE ON ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST, THEY  
18 ARE IN PLACE ON LA TUNA CANYON ROAD AND OTHER CITY'S ROADS,  
19 EXCUSE ME, IN THE AREA, IT WOULD BE TO THE COUNTY AND CITY'S  
20 BEHOOVEMENT TO ACTUALLY CREATE A RANDOM GROUP OF EITHER C.H.P.  
21 AND/OR LOS ANGELES POLICE OFFICERS, A TASKFORCE, TO ENFORCE  
22 THIS ON THE BASIS OF JUST COMING INTO AN AREA AND GIVING THE  
23 PROPER TICKETS OUT. I WOULD THINK AFTER A FEW OF THESE TRUCKS  
24 HAVE TO PAY THESE THINGS THAT THEY WOULD STOP GOING UP AND  
25 DOWN THOSE STREETS. THEY'RE NOT DESIGNED TO BE ON IN THE FIRST



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1 PLACE. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY THAT I THINK THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY  
2 CAUSE THIS PROBLEM TO GO AWAY, AND THAT IS TO ENFORCE THE LAW.  
3 SO I LEAVE THAT WITH YOU. WE HAVE HAD RECENTLY TWO PEOPLE  
4 KILLED ON LA TUNA CANYON ROAD BECAUSE OF TRUCKS AND SPEED. AND  
5 IT WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE PROPER AUTHORITIES ENFORCE THE LAW.  
6 I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME. THANK YOU, MIKE.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THEY'RE GOING TO ALSO REVIEW LA  
9 TUNA CANYON, EVEN THOUGH THAT'S IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,  
10 BUT LIKE YOU SAID, GETTING A JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN THE HIGHWAY  
11 PATROL FOR THE COUNTY IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND THE STATE  
12 AND GETTING L.A. CITY TO PARTICIPATE WITH THAT, THAT WILL HELP  
13 ALLEVIATE YOUR DISASTER AREA, AS WELL.

14

15 **TED LANG:** AND THINK OF THE MONEY THAT YOU GUYS CAN MAKE. I'D  
16 LIKE TO GET A COMMISSION ON IT. YOU KNOW, THIS IS A SERIOUS  
17 PROBLEM. AND UNTIL, YOU KNOW, WE TAKE ACTION, IT WILL  
18 CONTINUE.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON IT.

21

22 **TED LANG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISORS.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THE ITEM IS BEFORE YOU: MOVED  
2   BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.  
3   IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.

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5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME DO MY ADJOURNMENTS. PALMA "PAM"  
6   HANSON, FORMER ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PRESS,  
7   WHO WORKED AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PRESS, THE DAILY LEDGE-  
8   GAZETTE AND THE BEARING SPECIALTY COMPANY IN THE VALLEY,  
9   PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND  
10   AND HER DAUGHTER. DONALD GERALD LOMHOLDT, PASSED AWAY AT THE  
11   AGE OF 85. HE WAS A WORLD WAR II VETERAN. HE WAS IN THE NAVAL  
12   RESERVES AS A FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR. HE ENTERED THE SHERIFF'S  
13   ACADEMY AT AGE 34. SPENT 20 YEARS WITH OUR DEPARTMENT. LATER  
14   ASSIGNED TO THE MIRA LOMA PRISON, FORENSICS AND SEVERAL OTHER  
15   COUNTY FACILITIES, INCLUDING HONOR FARM. FORMER DEPUTY SHERIFF  
16   BEN TUSO, LONG-TIME ANTELOPE VALLEY RESIDENT WHO PLAYED WITH  
17   WOODY HERMAN AND BENNY GOODMAN, AMONG OTHERS. HE LEAVES HIS  
18   WIFE AND HIS SONS, TED, PHIL AND DAVE. JAMES, "J.G." BOSWELL,  
19   WHO WAS A BUSINESSMAN WHO TRANSFORMED THE COTTON HOLDINGS INTO  
20   CALIFORNIA'S FIRST GIANT AG. BUSINESS, ONE OF THE GREAT  
21   FARMING EMPIRES, AT AGE 29. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86.  
22   HE LEAVES HIS WIFE, BARBARA, AND HIS TWO CHILDREN, LORRAINE  
23   AND JODY. AND SISTER MARY THOMAS DURAN, MEMBER OF THE SISTERS  
24   OF CARONDELET, THE ORDER THAT MY AUNT IS A MEMBER OF, PASSED  
25   AWAY. SHE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH



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1 CARONDELET FOR THE PAST 63 YEARS. AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER  
2 SISTER, PAT AND JERRY. HER BROTHERS AND HER SISTER MARY. THOSE  
3 ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 4-H.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** 4-H. **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ACTUALLY 4-H. 22, 38, 40,  
10 ITEMS HELD BY MR. SACHS.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** 4-H, 22--

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE S-1 AND S-2 ARE SET ITEMS.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** 38 AND 40, ALL RIGHT. I GUESS, MR. SACHS, YOU  
17 CALLED ALL OF THOSE. WOULD YOU COME UP AND JOIN US? ITEM 4-H,  
18 22, 38 AND 40.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 4-H. GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF  
21 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ITEM 4-H, THIS GOES BACK TO  
22 ACTUALLY LAST WEEK IN YOUR APPROACH-- I APPRECIATE THE FACT  
23 THAT YOU WANT TO ELIMINATE THE ANNUAL BACKLOG FOR THE HOUSING  
24 CHOICE VOUCHER. BUT I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR MEETING  
25 LAST WEEK WHEN YOU HAD THE SHERIFF COME UP HERE AND DISCUSS



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1 THE BACKLOG OF YOUR RAPE CASES AND THE FACT THAT FUNDING WILL  
2 HELP TO ELIMINATE THE BACKLOG THERE. WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND  
3 IS THE AGENDA FOR LAST WEEK WITH THE RAPE CASES WAS A BACKLOG  
4 THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN CREATED WHEN THE POLICY FOR DOING THE  
5 D.N.A. TESTING WAS CHANGED AND TAKEN FROM THE FEDERAL  
6 GOVERNMENT'S HANDS AND PUT INTO BOTH STATE AND LOCAL  
7 JURISDICTIONS. THE AMOUNT-- THE DIFFERENT-- THE AMOUNT OF  
8 CATEGORIES THAT WOULD HAVE THEN BECOME UNDER THE-- THE AMOUNT  
9 OF CATEGORIES THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN NECESSARY FOR D.N.A.  
10 TESTING WOULD HAVE INCREASED. AND THE FACT THAT NOBODY TOOK  
11 ANY STEPS TO ADDRESS THAT POLICY AND THE FACT THAT THIS WOULD  
12 ADD TO A BACKLOG THAT ALREADY EXISTED MAKES ME VERY LEERY OF  
13 YOUR PLANS TO ELIMINATE ANY OTHER KIND OF BACKLOGS THAT EXIST  
14 TODAY. THANK YOU. 4-H. NEXT ITEM, SIR? 22?

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES. 38 AND 40.

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18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 22, OH. TRANSPORTATION FOR MEDICALLY FRAGILE  
19 CHILDREN. THE ITEM DOESN'T REALLY STATE THE FUNDING AND THE  
20 DISTANCE, BUT JUST AS AN EXAMPLE, THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH  
21 HAS A POLICY TO TRANSPORT CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES. THEY USE  
22 A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR TO TRAVEL 2 1/2 MILES MILES. THEY HAVE  
23 SIX CHILDREN. THEY PAY \$100 PER TRIP IN THE CITY OF HERMOSA  
24 BEACH. I KNOW, I'VE TALKED NUMEROUS TIMES ABOUT THE DISABILITY  
25 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY OF L.A. AND HOW CORRUPT IT



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1 IS. SO I'M CURIOUS TO KNOW HOW MUCH-- WELL IT SAYS HOW MUCH  
2 THEY'RE BEING PAID, BUT THE DISTANCE AND THE NUMBER OF  
3 CHILDREN THAT ARE BEING TRANSPORTED WOULD BE INTERESTING TO  
4 KNOW AND WHY THIS ISN'T AN ACCESS SERVICES PROGRAM OR ONE OF  
5 THE OTHER COMPARABLE PROGRAMS, BUT A LIMOUSINE SERVICE? THAT'S  
6 ALSO RAISES SOME EYEBROWS. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. NEXT ITEM?

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HE HAS ONE MORE ITEM. ITEM 38.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** 38 AND 40, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MORE TIME.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WELL, MADAME CHAIR, YOU KNOW, YOU CALL THESE  
15 ITEMS.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** 38 AND 40.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. AGAIN, IT JUST SO HAPPENS LAST WEEK,  
20 AFTER THE HEARING HERE IN THE COUNTY CHAMBERS REGARDING THE  
21 BACKLOG OF RAPE CRISIS, THE CITY OF L.A. HAD A CITY COUNCIL  
22 MEETING AND THEY DISCUSSED THEIR BACKLOG. BETWEEN THE TWO  
23 AGENCIES, THE CITY AND THE COUNTY, THERE'S OVER 10,000 RAPE  
24 D.N.A. KITS. AND YOUR MATCHING FUNDS FOR STALKING AND THREAT  
25 ASSESSMENT TEAM, IT JUST BEHOOVES ME, YOU HAVE 10,000



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1 OUTSTANDING RAPE KITS, HOW MANY KITS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED WITH  
2 BOTH AGENCIES? AND WHEN DOES THAT BECOME A CRISIS IN AND OF  
3 ITSELF? WHERE IS ANY KIND OF ACTION FOR A JOINT TASKFORCE,  
4 BECAUSE WE CAN COMBINE 38 AND 40, BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE  
5 CITY TO LOOK INTO THIS BACKLOG? AND HOW IT WAS CREATED?  
6 ASSISTANT DEPUTY-- IT WAS AN ASSISTANT DEPUTY, CHARLES BETT,  
7 MENTIONED THAT THE CITY OF L.A. HAD A POLICY THAT IF THE  
8 DETECTIVES DIDN'T ASK FOR A RAPE CASE TO BE INITIATED, I MEAN  
9 A RAPE D.N.A. CASE TO BE INITIATED, THEN IT WASN'T DONE,  
10 CREATING A BACKLOG. I WONDER IF THE COUNTY HAD A POLICY LIKE  
11 THAT. WHAT KIND-- THERE'S TALK THAT WE DON'T DO PROFILING, BUT  
12 WE DO D.N.A. PROFILING. I WONDER WHICH CASES THEY DIDN'T OPEN  
13 UP VERSUS WHICH CASES THEY DID. WHY IS THERE NO ACTION? YOU  
14 KNOW YOU'RE GETTING FEDERAL FUNDING. YOU KNOW THAT THERE'S  
15 GOING TO BE SOME CAVEATS TO THE FEDERAL FUNDING. AND YET  
16 NOTHING WAS PLANNED. NO INCREASE IN THE MANPOWER. WAS THERE AN  
17 INCREASE IN THE MANPOWER? THAT WASN'T MENTIONED. YOU KNOW THAT  
18 ADDITIONAL CATEGORIES ARE GOING TO BE NECESSARY, THAT WILL  
19 NECESSITATE A D.N.A. TEST BEING INVOLVED: ROBBERY, D.U.I.,  
20 ASSAULT, KIDNAPPING. I'M NOT DOWNPLAYING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE  
21 FEDERAL DATABASE. THERE WAS THREE CASES THAT YOU COULD SPEAK  
22 OF WHERE PERPETRATORS GOT CAUGHT. THERE WAS THE CHANDRA LEVY  
23 CASE, HER PERPETRATOR GOT CAUGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO. THERE WAS  
24 THE CASE IN EL SEGUNDO WHERE TWO OFFICERS GOT KILLED 50 YEARS  
25 AGO. THAT GUY GOT CAUGHT IN NORTH CAROLINA. AND THEN JUST



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1 RECENTLY, THERE WAS A CASE IN BOSTON WHERE THE GUY WAS CHARGED  
2 WITH KIDNAPPING HIS KIDS, AND HE WAS CONNECTED TO A CASE IN  
3 SAN MARINO WHERE TWO PEOPLE WERE MISSING. SO THE D.N.A. CASE,  
4 THE FEDERAL DATABASE IS IMPORTANT. AND YOU USE RAPE-- PEOPLE  
5 THAT HAVE BEEN RAPED TO GET BEHIND THEM ON A BACKLOG THAT'S  
6 BEEN CREATED BECAUSE YOU FAILED TO ACT, AND YOU'RE USING THEM  
7 TO CRY WOLF. THAT'S SHAMEFUL. THAT'S JUST TOTALLY SHAMEFUL.  
8 THANK YOU. AND WHERE'S NEWS COVERAGE TO ASK THESE QUESTIONS  
9 THEMSELVES? NEXT PROBLEM? 40? WE DID 40. I COMBINED THEM.  
10 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THOSE ITEMS MOVED BY  
13 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.  
14 IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THOSE ITEMS.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM 9? I NEED TO ASK OUR C.E.O.--

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM 9, BEFORE WE START, I'D LIKE  
19 TO READ AN AMENDMENT INTO IT. WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO WISH TO  
20 ADDRESS US ON THIS ITEM. I'D LIKE TO AMEND THE MOTION BY  
21 ADDING THAT "I FURTHER MOVE THAT ANY POTENTIAL USE OF  
22 A.R.R.A.H.P.R.P. FUNDS BE EVALUATED IN COOPERATION WITH THE  
23 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, C.D.C., THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
24 OF THE COUNTY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO  
25 ENSURE THAT THESE FUNDS ARE UTILIZED IN A WAY THAT WILL ASSIST



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1 THE GREATEST NUMBER OF QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.  
2 THESE, OF COURSE, ARE THE PEOPLE THAT ARE DEFINED TO BE LOW,  
3 50 PERCENT OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME IN THE MOST COST-  
4 EFFECTIVE MANNER GIVEN THE LIMITED RESOURCES AND THE MULTIPLE  
5 PROVIDED BY H.U.D., H.P. R.P. GUIDELINES.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. FUJIOKA, RELATIVE TO THIS ITEM, ON  
8 DIRECTIVE 1, IF THE CALWORKS INCOME AND RESOURCES LIMITS WERE  
9 RELAXED, WHAT NUMBER OF FAMILIES WOULD BE ADDED EACH MONTH?  
10 AND WHAT IS THE COST FOR THAT ADDITIONAL MONTHLY ADDITION?

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12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT RIGHT NOW TO  
13 PROVIDE THE EXACT NUMBER. WE HAVEN'T GONE THROUGH THE EFFORT  
14 TO PROJECT THE IMPACT OF ANY OF THESE MODIFICATIONS, BUT WE  
15 CAN IF YOU LIKE AND REPORT BACK TO YOU VERY QUICKLY, PROBABLY  
16 WITHIN THE WEEK.

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18 **SPEAKER:** ON THE CALWORKS PORTION, THOUGH, THE COUNTY ONLY PAYS  
19 LESS THAN 2 PERCENT OF THE COST. SO JUST A GENERAL THUMB  
20 SKETCH IS ABOUT \$62,000.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MUCH?

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24 **SPEAKER:** \$62,000.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE COUNTY'S SHARE IS 62,000?

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3    **SPEAKER:** LESS THAN 2 PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE PROGRAM.

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5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THAT WOULD BE MONTHLY?

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7    **SPEAKER:** THAT FIGURE, THE 62,000, APPROXIMATELY, IS FOR AN  
8    ENTIRE 12-MONTH PERIOD.

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10    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 12-MONTH PERIOD. IF THE UPWARD TREND OF  
11    FAMILIES APPLYING FOR WELFARE AND DISQUALIFYING INCOME  
12    CONTINUES, IN VIEW OF THE STATE CUTS TO CALWORKS, SINGLE  
13    ALLOCATION DOLLARS, COULD THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
14    AFFORD TO AID THE INCREASED NUMBER OF THESE FAMILIES WHO ARE  
15    CURRENTLY DISQUALIFIED DUE TO INCOME OR ASSETS?

16

17    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** REALLY THE QUESTION WOULD BE ONE OF WHETHER OR  
18    NOT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD PICK UP THOSE COSTS, RIGHT?

19

20    **SPEAKER:** THE WAY THE FUNDING IS STRUCTURED IS THAT THE COST OF  
21    AIDING THOSE ADDITIONAL CASES COMING ON, IF THE ASSET  
22    TEST/INCOME TEST WERE MODIFIED IN SOME WAY, IS 80 PERCENT  
23    FEDERAL BECAUSE OF THE STIMULUS EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY FUND  
24    THAT CALIFORNIA'S RECEIVING. AND THEN THE REMAINING COSTS, WE  
25    ONLY HAVE A 2 1/2 PERCENT, THE COUNTY ITSELF HAS A 2 1/2



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1 PERCENT SHARE OF THE REMAINING 20 PERCENT OF THOSE ASSISTANCE  
2 COSTS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WHEN FEDERAL FUNDING CEASES VIA THE  
5 STIMULUS, ARE WE STILL OBLIGATED TO CONTINUE THAT PROGRAM  
6 BECAUSE WE RECEIVE THE FEDERAL FUNDS?

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8 **SPEAKER:** IT DEPENDS ON HOW THE LEGISLATION OR POLICY'S DRAWN  
9 UP. IF IT'S A TEMPORARY PROGRAM THAT SUNSETS AFTER SEPTEMBER  
10 '10, THEN THERE WOULDN'T BE THOSE ADDITIONAL COSTS. IF IT  
11 WASN'T TEMPORARY, THEN THE COUNTY'S OVERALL SHARE OF THE 100  
12 PERCENT ASSISTANCE COSTS FOR THOSE FAMILIES WOULD BE 2 1/2  
13 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ENDS THEIR  
16 STIMULUS FUNDING, ARE WE OBLIGATED TO CONTINUE THE ENTIRE  
17 PROGRAM?

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ON THAT PARTICULAR NOTE, THAT'S A REAL GOOD  
20 POINT AND SOMETHING-- IT'S A VERY SIGNIFICANT POLICY ISSUE,  
21 BECAUSE WE ARE GETTING STIMULUS DOLLARS, NOT ONLY IN THIS AREA  
22 BUT FOR OTHER HEALTH OR SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS AS PART OF THE  
23 POLICY DISCUSSION. AND WHEN WE MOVE FORWARD AND DISCUSS THE  
24 BUDGET, WE DO NEED TO DISCUSS WHAT HAPPENS AT THE END OF THE  
25 RECEIPT OF THE STIMULUS DOLLARS. FOR EXAMPLE, FOR OUR



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1 EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS THAT WILL BE FUNDED THROUGH THE STIMULUS  
2 PACKAGE, IT'S OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT THEY REPRESENT-- THEY  
3 CREATE TEMPORARY JOBS. AND AT THE END OF THE PERIOD WHERE WE  
4 RECEIVE STIMULUS OR FEDERAL FUNDING, WE MAKE A DECISION  
5 WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN CONTINUE WITH THOSE POSITIONS, BUT IT'S  
6 NOT AUTOMATIC. BECAUSE IF WE DO HAVE A POLICY THAT SAYS WE  
7 WILL CONTINUE WITH THE PROGRAM REGARDLESS OF THE FUNDING  
8 SOURCE, GIVEN OUR PROJECTIONS FOR A CONTINUED ECONOMIC  
9 PROBLEMS OR CHALLENGES HERE IN THE COUNTY, IT COULD PUT US IN  
10 A VERY DIFFICULT POSITION.

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12 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** MY READING OF THE MOTION, IT ASKS THAT IT BE A  
13 TEMPORARY CHANGE, NOT A PERMANENT ONE.

14  
15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW. IT'S TEMPORARY. BUT THE FEDERAL  
16 INTERPRETATION OF THEIR FUNDING PROGRAMS, DOES IT NOT REQUIRE  
17 THAT WE HAVE TO CONTINUE THAT PROGRAM REGARDLESS OF ADDITIONAL  
18 FUNDING, FEDERAL SUPPORT? AND I KNOW SOME OF THE PRIVATE  
19 SECTORS WHO HAVE RECEIVED FEDERAL FUNDING IS NOW HAVING THEIR  
20 PERSONNEL SALARIES AND OTHER POLICIES BEING DRIVEN BY THAT  
21 FUNDING THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED. SO THEY NO LONGER HAVE  
22 COMPLETE CONTROL OF THEIR BUSINESS. AND I'M SAYING WOULD WE  
23 ALSO LOSE COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THIS PROGRAM BY HAVING THIS  
24 PARTY REQUIRED THROUGH A MANDATE THAT BECAUSE YOU ACCEPTED THE  
25 FEDERAL FUNDS TO BEGIN WITH, YOU'RE TOTALLY OBLIGATED TO



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1 CONTINUE THIS PROGRAM WHEN THE FEDS WITHDRAW THEIR FINANCIAL  
2 SUPPORT? LIKE IT'S AN UNFUNDED MANDATE IS WHAT I'M SAYING.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE WILL LOOK INTO THAT TO ENSURE THAT IF WE DO  
5 GO IN THIS DIRECTION, THAT THAT ONE ISSUE DOESN'T OCCUR. WE  
6 WILL REPORT BACK ON THAT FOR YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN ON NO. 2, DIRECTIVE 2, THE USE OF  
9 FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS APPROPRIATE TO HOMELESS TO ADDRESS THE  
10 HOUSING NEEDS OF THOSE FAMILIES WHO DO NOT QUALIFY FOR WELFARE  
11 ASSISTANCE, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THIS AMENDMENT. "IT'S  
12 IMPORTANT FOR OUR COUNTY TO MAXIMIZE THE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED  
13 BY H.R.1 THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT. THE  
14 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS LEGISLATION WILL OCCUR THROUGHOUT THE  
15 NEXT FEW MONTHS. THE USE OF THESE FUNDS MUST BE THOROUGHLY AND  
16 COMPREHENSIVELY PLANNED TO IDENTIFY THE POPULATIONS IN NEED OF  
17 THIS TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND TO EFFECTIVELY SERVE THOSE WHO  
18 ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE STABILIZED AFTER THE PROGRAM CONCLUDES.  
19 A NUMBER OF TARGETED POPULATIONS THAT L.A. COUNTY SERVE  
20 THROUGH R.R. FUNDING INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO CALWORKS  
21 PARTICIPANTS, GENERAL RELIEF PARTICIPANTS, INDIVIDUALS AND  
22 FAMILIES WHO DON'T OTHERWISE QUALIFY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE,  
23 TRANSITION AGE YOUTH, VETERANS, SENIORS AND THE HOMELESS.  
24 FURTHERMORE THERE ARE VARIOUS FUNDING ALLOCATIONS APPROPRIATE  
25 TO OUR COUNTY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO H.U.D. FUNDING FOR



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1 HOMELESS PREVENTION, RAPID REHOUSING WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT,  
2 FUNDING FOR EMPLOYMENT TRAINING NEEDS, N.A.F. CONTINGENCY  
3 FUNDS FOR SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT OF CALWORKS PARTICIPANTS,  
4 COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANTS, SOCIAL SERVICES TO LOW INCOME  
5 INDIVIDUALS, F.M.A.P. INCREASES FOR COUNTY AND PATIENT  
6 HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO THE UNINSURED INDIGENT, F.M.A.P.  
7 INCREASES FOR COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND F.M.A.P.  
8 INCREASES FOR THE IN HOME SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM, F.M.A.P.  
9 INCREASES FOR TITLE 4-E, THE CARE, MAINTENANCE AND ADOPTION  
10 ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS AND AS YET UNSPECIFIED APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
11 FOOD STAMPS AND MEDI-CAL. WHILE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS NOT  
12 YET ISSUED THE GUIDELINES FOR THESE TYPES OF R.F. FUNDING,  
13 PLANNING IS CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE WITHIN EACH OF OUR COUNTIES  
14 CLUSTER CONFIGURATIONS. HOWEVER, THE PLANNING APPEARS TO BE  
15 FOCUSED ON R.F. FUNDING CATEGORIES RATHER THAN ELIGIBLE  
16 TARGETED POPULATIONS. THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING APPROACH  
17 SHOULD FOCUS ON THE VARIOUS NEEDS OF OUR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL  
18 OR FAMILIES AS NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT, 1, R.F. FUNDS ARE  
19 MAXIMIZED AND EXPENDED IN THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER; 2,  
20 THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE SERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
21 THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM; AND 3, R.F. SERVICES ARE  
22 INTEGRATED, STREAMLINED AND NOT DUPLICATED; AND 4, FRAUDULENT  
23 USES OF R.F. FUNDING ARE REDUCED OR PREVENTED." SO I MOVE THAT  
24 THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK IN 14  
25 DAYS ON 1, THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE MATRIX THAT



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1 IDENTIFIES THE FULL MENU OF R.F. FUNDED SERVICES AVAILABLE TO  
2 EACH ELIGIBLE TARGET POPULATION TO ENABLE EFFECTIVE STRATEGIC  
3 PLANNING FOR MOST APPROPRIATE SERVICES TO AN ELIGIBLE  
4 INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY; THE PROJECTED OUTCOMES OF EACH R.F.  
5 ELIGIBLE TARGETED POPULATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL  
6 GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF R.F. FUNDS, AND, 3, SPECIFIC PLAN  
7 FOR COMPREHENSIVE DATA TRACKING TO IDENTIFY, REDUCE OR PREVENT  
8 FRAUDULENT USES OF R.F. FUNDING." SO THAT WOULD BE THE  
9 AMENDMENT TO DIRECTIVE 2.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE A COUPLE  
12 OF PEOPLE THAT WISH TO TESTIFY. I'M GOING TO ASK THEM TO COME  
13 UP AND JOIN US. ALICIA LARA, DORA LUNA, JEFF DRONKERS AND KRIS  
14 FREED, IF THEY'D COME UP AND JOIN US, PLEASE. MISS LARA, IF  
15 YOU WOULD BEGIN.

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17 **ALICIA LARA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE; MY NAME IS ALICIA LARA  
18 FROM UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF  
19 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S RESOLUTION. WE ALL KNOW THAT THIS IS AN  
20 EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT TIME, AND I'M NOT GOING TO BORE YOU  
21 WITH THE DATA. YOU SEE IT EVERY DAY. WE FEEL IT IN COMMUNITIES  
22 EVERY SINGLE DAY, AS I KNOW YOU DO IN YOUR CONSTITUENCIES.  
23 POVERTY, AND THE THING THAT UNITED WAY IS FOCUSED ON IS  
24 POVERTY, WHICH IS WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE, HAS PROFOUND  
25 LONG TERM IMPACTS ON FAMILIES AND CHILDREN. AND SO THE FOCUS,



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1 I THINK, FOR TODAY IS TO LOOK AT HOW THE COUNTY CAN PROVIDE  
2 SUPPORT IN A TEMPORARY FASHION. I THINK THAT WHAT WE WANT TO  
3 UNDERSTAND IS THAT PEOPLE WANT TO WORK. THEY WANT TO SUPPORT  
4 THEIR FAMILIES. THEY TAKE NO PRIDE IN GOING TO THE COUNTY FOR  
5 SUPPORT. BY THE TIME THEY GO TO THE COUNTY, I'M SURE THAT  
6 THEY'VE EXHAUSTED FAMILY CONNECTIONS, THEIR CHURCHES, THEIR  
7 TEMPLES, WHATEVER THEIR FAITH MAY BE FOR THAT SUPPORT. SO YOU  
8 HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THE SUPPORT FROM THE COUNTY BEING AS A  
9 LAST RESORT. AND I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT. I THINK THE OTHER  
10 THING TO DO IS TO LOOK AT-- PEOPLE ARE STEPPING UP. THE  
11 NONPROFIT COMMUNITY IS DOING EVERYTHING IT CAN UNDER THE  
12 CIRCUMSTANCES AND LOSING A LOT OF MONEY, AS WE ARE. BUT,  
13 STILL, THEY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE EXTRAORDINARY SUPPORT TO  
14 PEOPLE. WE'RE WORKING ON THINGS LIKE THE EARNED INCOME TAX  
15 CREDIT. WE TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN BEING THE COUNTY'S PARTNER ON  
16 THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT AND LOOKING AT ACTUAL INCREASES  
17 IN UPTAKE OF WORKING CLASS AND POOR FAMILIES IN E.I.T.C. AND  
18 THAT HELPS. BUT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT WHAT THE COUNTY CAN  
19 PROVIDE. AND I KNOW EACH OF YOU INDIVIDUALLY HAS PROVIDED A  
20 TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF LEADERSHIP ON ALL KINDS OF ISSUES THAT  
21 IMPACT POVERTY IN YOUR COMMUNITIES, WHETHER IT BE HOMELESSNESS  
22 OR HEALTHCARE, ANY OF THOSE THINGS. BUT NOW WHAT THE COMMUNITY  
23 IS LOOKING FOR IS YOUR COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP. AND I HOPE THAT  
24 YOU WILL DO THAT. I'M VERY SENSITIVE TO THE ISSUES THAT ARE  
25 RELATED TO COST. SO WE SHOULD REALLY VIEW THIS AS VERY



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1 TEMPORARY. WE SHOULD LOOK AT OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY  
2 TO DO THINGS AS EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE. AND NOT JUST ASK  
3 TAXPAYERS TO COME UP WITH THE MONEY. AND I KNOW THAT YOU DO  
4 THAT. SO I DO HOPE THAT YOU WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THIS AND  
5 THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT THE SUPERVISOR'S RESOLUTION. AND I  
6 APPRECIATE ALL YOUR LEADERSHIP AND I DO HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU  
7 WILL COLLECTIVELY TAKE THAT POSITION AND BE OF SUPPORT TO THE  
8 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. MISS LUNA?

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12 **DORA LUNA:** YES, GOOD MORNING. I'M ALSO HERE TO TESTIFY IN  
13 FAVOR OF THIS RESOLUTION. I WORK WITH NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL. I'M  
14 AN ATTORNEY AT NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES  
15 COUNTY. AND EVERY YEAR WE SERVE OVER 100,000 INDIVIDUALS,  
16 CLIENTS. IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, WE HAVE SEEN DEFINITELY A  
17 RISE IN THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO  
18 HAVE A NEED FOR GOVERNMENT BENEFITS, INCLUDING CALWORKS AND  
19 FOOD STAMP BENEFITS. AND WE'RE SEEING A LOT OF STORIES LIKE  
20 THE ONE THAT WAS FEATURED IN THE PAPER WHERE INDIVIDUALS WHO,  
21 FOR EXAMPLE, MAY HAVE AN AUTOMOBILE THAT'S WORTH MORE THAN THE  
22 \$4,650 LIMIT FOR CALWORKS BENEFITS. IF THE CAR IS WORTH MAYBE  
23 \$7,000, IT CAN BE A VERY OLD CAR. THE PERSON OR THE FAMILY IS  
24 NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE CALWORKS BENEFITS TO WHICH THEY  
25 WOULD OTHERWISE BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE. THE SAME HOLDS TRUE



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1 FOR A LOT OF FOOD STAMPS. INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE QUALIFYING FOR  
2 FOOD STAMPS ARE JUST LOOKING TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES. THERE IS  
3 A PROCESS WITH ANY PROGRAMS ASSOCIATED WITH REMOVING CERTAIN  
4 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, BUT I THINK THAT WHAT THE ANALYSIS  
5 THAT HAS TO HAPPEN IS THE ANALYSIS OF COST AND BENEFIT. THERE  
6 IS SOME LIMITED MONETARY COSTS, BUT THE BENEFIT WOULD BE THE  
7 PURCHASING POWER FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, FAMILIES WHO  
8 WOULD BE RECEIVING THE FOOD STAMP BENEFITS, AND THE  
9 STIMULATION OF THE ECONOMY WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THERE  
10 ARE NUMEROUS STUDIES THAT CITE TO THESE ISSUES AND HOW THE  
11 COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS ACTUALLY FALLS ON THE BENEFIT SIDE. IN  
12 ADDITION, THERE IS A HUGE BENEFIT IN KEEPING FAMILIES IN THEIR  
13 HOMES SO THAT THEY DO NOT BECOME HOMELESS AND DO NOT LOSE  
14 THEIR APARTMENTS. THE COST TO THE COUNTY VERSUS THE BENEFIT  
15 ALSO FALLS IN THE ARENA OF TRAINING AND RETRAINING. IF WE GET  
16 MORE FAMILIES QUALIFIED FOR CALWORKS BENEFITS, CALWORKS, AS  
17 YOU KNOW, HAS THIS MANDATORY WORK REQUIREMENT, TRAINING  
18 REQUIREMENT, SO THAT FAMILIES WHO MAY NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY  
19 SKILLS TO FIND THAT NEXT JOB WILL RECEIVE THIS TRAINING AND  
20 EDUCATION. I THINK THAT ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT WOULD REALLY  
21 HELP IN ORDER TO GET MORE FAMILIES ON CALWORKS BENEFITS WOULD  
22 BE THE REMOVAL OF THE AUTOMOBILE RESOURCE TEST OF 4,650 VALUE  
23 FOR THE CAR, WHICH DOESN'T REALLY BUY YOU MUCH VEHICLE. THIS  
24 LIMIT HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR A VERY LONG TIME, SINCE AT LEAST  
25 THE EARLY '90S. IN ADDITION, THERE'S THE INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES



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1 CAN HAVE NO MORE THAN \$2,000 IN THEIR ACCOUNTS IN ORDER TO  
2 QUALIFY FOR BENEFITS OR ANY TYPE OF RESOURCES. SO IF I'M  
3 SAVING MONEY FOR MY CHILD'S EDUCATION OR FOR AN EMERGENCY, AND  
4 I HAVE MORE THAN \$2,000, I DO NOT QUALIFY FOR EITHER FOOD  
5 STAMPS OR BENEFITS. ALSO, THE APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY TEST, THE  
6 MINIMUM BASIC STANDARD OF CARE IS VERY, VERY LOW FOR  
7 QUALIFYING FOR CALWORKS. SO IF THOSE THREE ISSUES WERE  
8 ADDRESSED, THAT WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS HELPING GET MORE  
9 PEOPLE ON AID.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. MR. DRONKERS.

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13 **JEFF DRONKERS:** THANK YOU. AGAIN I'M HERE TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR  
14 MOLINA'S RESOLUTION. AT THE FOOD BANK, AGAIN I'M SORRY MY NAME  
15 IS JEFF DRONKERS, I WORK AT THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL FOOD  
16 BANK. WE SERVE 700,000 OF PEOPLE ANNUALLY. WE LOOK AT IT AS A  
17 TOOLBOX. IF I SAT BEFORE YOU A YEAR AGO AT THIS TIME, THE  
18 TOOLBOX REALLY HADN'T CHANGED WITHIN THE SPAN OF ABOUT 10  
19 YEARS. AND THE SPRING, ABOUT A YEAR AGO THIS TIME, WE NOTICED  
20 THAT THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, THINGS HAVE BEGUN TO CHANGE.  
21 THINGS THAT WERE HAPPENING IN PEOPLE'S LIVES BEGAN TO CHANGE.  
22 WE NOTICED THAT WE NEEDED TO CHANGE THE TOOLS IN THE TOOLBOX.  
23 AND WITHIN OUR TOOLS AT THE FOOD BANK, WE HAVE A FEDERAL  
24 COMMODITIES PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES U.S.D.A. COMMODITIES WEEKLY.  
25 WE HAVE A SENIOR PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES COMMODITIES BY THE



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1 U.S.D.A. WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY. AND WE BEGAN TO NOTICE THAT THERE  
2 WAS AN INCREASED UP TICK IN WHAT WE WERE SEEING AT THE FOOD  
3 BANK. IF YOU COMPARE JANUARY OF 2008 WITH JANUARY OF 2009,  
4 THERE'S A 36 PERCENT BUMP IN WHAT WE'VE SEEN. WE SERVED  
5 150,000 PEOPLE IN JANUARY OF '08 AND WE'RE SERVING 205,000  
6 PEOPLE IN JANUARY OF 2009. I BROUGHT MY TEAM TOGETHER IN THE  
7 EARLY FALL OF LAST YEAR, BECAUSE WE HAD TO CHANGE THE TOOLS IN  
8 THE TOOLBOX. THE TOOLS THAT WE HAD WEREN'T SUFFICIENT TO  
9 PROVIDE WHAT WE NEEDED IN THE COMMUNITY AT THAT TIME. ONE OF  
10 THE THINGS THAT WE BEGAN TO LOBBY HARD FOR IN D.C. WAS  
11 IMPROVEMENT OF WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE ECONOMIC  
12 STIMULUS PACKAGE. AND WITH A LOT OF HARD WORK, WE SAW THE  
13 FRUITION OF WHAT WE DID, A LOT OF HARD WORK THAT WE PUT INTO  
14 THAT. 150 MILLION OVER THE SPAN OF TWO YEARS, AND WE WERE ABLE  
15 TO ADD MORE TOOLS INTO THE TOOLBOX. WE'RE SEEING THE FRUITS OF  
16 OUR LABOR AS FAR AS SEEING MORE COMMODITIES IN OUR T.F.A.T.  
17 COMMODITIES PROGRAM. THE 275 FOOD PANTRIES THAT SERVE THESE  
18 205,000 PEOPLE WITHIN THE COUNTY ARE SEEING MORE FOOD. WITHOUT  
19 THAT FOOD, THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO DO THEIR JOBS. SO WHEN WE LOOK  
20 AT OUR TOOLBOX, OUR TOOLBOX IS AS FULL AS IT CAN BE. WHAT WE  
21 TRY AND DO IS WE TAKE THE TOOLS AND WE ACTUALLY TRY AND  
22 PROVIDE THOSE TOOLS AND SAY "LOOK AT THE COUNTY. THEY HAVE A  
23 GREAT TOOLBOX." THE FOOD STAMP BENEFIT WENT UP APRIL 1ST.  
24 THEY'RE PROVIDING EXTRA FOOD STAMP BENEFITS. WHAT WE'RE  
25 LOOKING TO DO IS TRY TO GET MORE PEOPLE ONTO THE FOOD STAMP



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1 PROGRAM. ANYTHING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CAN DO TO  
2 INCREASE THE TOOLS IN THE TOOLBOX, WE ARE FOR. AND WE REALLY  
3 WOULD LIKE YOU GUYS TO CONSIDER ANY TYPE OF RESOLUTION THAT  
4 WOULD INCREASE THOSE TOOLS. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. KRIS FREED.

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8 **KRIS FREED:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KRIS FREED. I WORK WITH  
9 L.A. FAMILY HOUSING. FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, WE'VE BEEN SEEING AN  
10 ALARMING INCREASE IN FAMILIES THAT HAVE LOST THEIR HOUSING OR  
11 ARE ON THE VERGE OF LOSING THEIR HOUSING DUE TO UNEMPLOYMENT.  
12 MANY ARE RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, BUT THOSE BENEFITS,  
13 IF YOU HAVE EVER BEEN FORCED TO RELY ON THEM, ARE NOT  
14 SUFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN A HOUSEHOLD. IT ISN'T LONG BEFORE THEY  
15 FIND THEMSELVES IN DANGER OF BECOMING HOMELESS BECAUSE THEY  
16 COULDN'T AFFORD TO PAY THEIR RENT OR MORTGAGE AND FEED THEIR  
17 FAMILY AND PAY THEIR HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES AT THE SAME TIME. WITH  
18 UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, THE SIMPLE OWNERSHIP OF A FAMILY CAR  
19 DISALLOWS YOU FROM RECEIVING THOSE BENEFITS THROUGH PROGRAMS  
20 SUCH AS THE CALWORKS PROGRAM. THEY FALL INTO THE GAP OF HAVING  
21 INSUFFICIENT INCOME TO MAINTAIN HOUSING WHILE BEING TOLD THEY  
22 DON'T QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE THAT WOULD PREVENT THEM FROM  
23 BECOMING HOMELESS. THERE IS A TREMENDOUS DEMAND ON THE  
24 EMERGENCY SHELTERS RIGHT NOW. ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE TO  
25 HELP FAMILIES FROM BECOMING HOMELESS WOULD NOT ONLY ALLEVIATE



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1 THE STRAIN ON THE LIMITED RESOURCES FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES BUT  
2 WOULD KEEP MANY FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN FROM EXPERIENCING  
3 THE TRAUMA AND INSTABILITY OF LIVING ON THE STREET OR IN THEIR  
4 CAR WHILE THEY WAIT FOR A SPACE TO OPEN IN ONE OF THE FEW  
5 SHELTERS IN THE CITY. WE ARE ALSO IN FAVOR OF DOING WHATEVER  
6 IT TAKES TO KEEP THESE FAMILIES OUT OF THE HOMELESS SYSTEM. I  
7 DON'T HAVE AN ACTUAL PERCENTAGE RIGHT NOW BECAUSE IT'S SO NEW.  
8 BUT I DID HEAR RECENTLY SOMEONE QUOTE THAT THERE'S A 400  
9 PERCENT INCREASE OF FAMILIES THAT ARE EXPERIENCING  
10 HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND I CAN TELL YOU  
11 THAT OUR WAITING LIST IN BOTH OF THE FAMILY PROGRAMS THAT I  
12 OVERSEE HAVE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. I HAVE APPROXIMATELY 200  
13 PLUS FAMILIES ON WAITING LISTS. SO ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE  
14 TO HELP WOULD GREATLY BE APPRECIATED. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. THIS  
17 ITEM, WE DECIDED TO PUT IN AND WE MAKE THIS REQUEST, AND  
18 BASICALLY ALL IT DOES IS ASKING OUR LOBBYIST TO BEGIN THE  
19 PROCESS OF ASKING FOR TEMPORARY WAIVERS. FOR THE FIRST TIME, I  
20 THINK MANY FAMILIES ARE FEELING THE BRUNT OF PROBABLY THE  
21 WORST RECESSION THAT WE'VE EVER HAD HERE IN THIS COUNTRY. AND,  
22 VERY, FRANKLY, FAMILIES THAT HAVE ALWAYS LOOKED AT THE SAFETY  
23 NET BEING THERE FOR SOMEONE ELSE ARE NOW HAVING TO GO AND  
24 APPROACH OUR WELFARE OFFICES, STAND IN LINE AND FIND  
25 THEMSELVES BEING DENIED. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE



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1 COUNTY'S RECEIVED OVER 7,000 NEW APPLICATIONS A MONTH FOR  
2 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, A MAJORITY OF THEM ARE BEING DENIED, AGAIN  
3 FOR MANY OF THE REASONS THAT WERE STATED HERE TODAY, BECAUSE  
4 OF THE LEGAL SITUATION AS WELL AS HAVING SOME SAVINGS. AND,  
5 VERY, FRANKLY, THESE FAMILIES ARE IN TOUGH SITUATIONS, TRYING  
6 TO FIND A NEW JOB AS THEY'VE LOST THEIR LAST JOB, AND TRYING  
7 TO STILL PAY THEIR RENT, CERTAINLY KEEP FOOD ON THE TABLE, AND  
8 MAINTAIN THEIR CHILDREN AND SO ON. SO I THINK THAT THIS IS  
9 JUST THE BEGINNING OF A PROCESS THAT WE'RE GOING TO HOPEFULLY  
10 GET SOME ENGAGEMENT FROM THE STATE AS WELL AS THE FEDERAL  
11 LEVEL TO GET THE KIND OF TEMPORARY WAIVERS THAT WE NEED SO WE  
12 CAN PROVIDE SOME ASSISTANCE TO MANY OF THESE FAMILIES WHO FIND  
13 THEMSELVES IN THIS SITUATION. YOU KNOW, OUR COUNTRY HAS BEEN  
14 FACING THIS KIND OF ECONOMIC PROBLEM FOR MONTHS NOW, AND VERY,  
15 FRANKLY, EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT BAILING OUT THE BANKS,  
16 BAILING OUT THE BIG CAR COMPANIES. BUT IN MANY INSTANCES, WE  
17 HAVE FORGOTTEN MANY OF THESE FAMILIES. AND SO IT'S OUR  
18 OPPORTUNITY TO HOPEFULLY ASK THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, STATE  
19 GOVERNMENT, ALONG WITH THE COUNTY FOR A VERY MINIMAL COST TO  
20 START INCREASING THE BENEFITS THAT GO AND GIVE A BAIL OUT TO  
21 MANY OF THESE FAMILIES THAT ARE IN NEED. SO THE ITEM IS BEFORE  
22 US. IT HAS BEEN AMENDED BY MYSELF AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.  
23  
24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SPLIT THE QUESTION. SO ON ONE, I WOULD LIKE  
25 TO ABSTAIN BUT VOTE YES ON 2.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO SPLIT THE QUESTION. ABSTAIN  
5 ON 1 AND VOTE YES ON 2.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S FINE. ANY OTHER COMMENT OR  
8 QUESTION? IF NOT, LET'S DO THAT. SO YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOTE FOR  
9 THE AMENDMENT AND ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION, SEPARATE OUT 1 AND  
10 2?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** VOTE ON ALL AMENDMENTS. DIRECTIVE 1 TO  
13 ABSTAIN AND DIRECTIVE 2 TO SUPPORT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK WITH THAT NOTED, THERE WOULD BE NO  
16 PROBLEM, RIGHT? ABSTENTION ITEM 1 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ON  
17 THE REST OF THE ITEM BEFORE US. SO IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION,  
18 THAT ITEM IS APPROVED. THANK YOU. NEXT ITEM? IT IS 11 O'CLOCK.  
19 ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO TO OUR SET ITEMS. S-1. WE'LL BEGIN WITH  
20 THAT. I'M GOING TO ASK THE FOLKS, MARTHA AND OTHERS, TO COME  
21 UP AND JOIN US FOR A PRESENTATION ON THE GRAND AVENUE PROJECT.  
22 IF WE COULD GET SOMEBODY TO PLEASE OPEN THE LITTLE LOCK OVER  
23 THERE? THERE WE GO. I THINK WE HAVE SOME SLIDES. DO WE HAVE  
24 SOMEONE WHO WILL OPERATE THAT BACK THERE?

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1 **MARTHA WELLBOURNE:** READY?

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK SO. I THINK THEY'RE JUST WAITING TO SET  
4 UP ALL RIGHT. MARTHA, WHY DON'T YOU BEGIN, THEN?

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6 **MARTHA WELLBOURNE:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I'M MARTHA  
7 WELLBOURNE, I'M THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE GRAND AVENUE  
8 COMMITTEE, AND WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO BRING THE SCHEMATIC  
9 DESIGN PHASE DOCUMENTS FOR THE CIVIC PARK TO YOU TODAY. AS YOU  
10 PROBABLY KNOW IN THE DESIGN PROCESS, THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN  
11 PHASE IS THE INITIAL PHASE OF DESIGN. IT REPRESENTS THE FIRST  
12 20 PERCENT OF THE DESIGN WORK. SO WHILE WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO  
13 GO BEFORE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS ARE COMPLETE, THIS PHASE IS  
14 AN IMPORTANT JUNCTURE AND SETS THE DIRECTION FOR FURTHER  
15 REFINEMENT IN THE NEXT TWO PHASES OF DESIGN, WHICH WILL BE  
16 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT AND FINAL CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS. THE CIVIC  
17 PARK DESIGN AGREEMENT, WHICH IS BETWEEN THE JOINT POWERS  
18 AUTHORITY AND THE DEVELOPER, REQUIRES THAT SCHEMATIC DESIGN  
19 MUST BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THREE BOARDS: THE COMMUNITY  
20 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE  
21 JOINT POWERS BOARD. THAT AGREEMENT ALSO REQUIRES THAT THE  
22 C.R.A. AND THE COUNTY REVIEW SCHEMATIC DESIGN BEFORE THE  
23 J.P.A. BOARD TAKES ACTION. I'M PLEASED TO TELL YOU THAT LAST  
24 THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND, THE C.R.A. BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUS APPROVAL  
25 OF THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN PHASE. AND TODAY WE'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU



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1 FIRST A BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE DESIGN AND THEN WE'RE ALL  
2 HERE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE MY  
3 COLLEAGUE MARK RIOS, OUR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, TO PRESENT THE  
4 DESIGN.

5

6 **MARK RIOS:** THANK YOU, MARTHA. WE'RE ALL VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE  
7 PROPOSED SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR THE CIVIC PARK. WE BELIEVE THIS  
8 IS GOING TO BE A REALLY INCREDIBLE ADDITION TO OUR CITY. AND A  
9 GREAT DRAW FOR DOWNTOWN. THIS PLAN REPRESENTS THE FOUR-BLOCK  
10 AREA OF THE DESIGN, BASICALLY LINKING GRAND AVENUE DOWN TO  
11 CITY HALL. THE OVERALL AREA OF THE PARK IS 16 ACRES. AND THE  
12 NEW PROPOSED DESIGN ADDS ABOUT 2 MORE ACRES OVER THE EXISTING  
13 OPEN SPACE AND ABOUT 50 PERCENT MORE PLANTED OR SOFT SCAPES  
14 AREA. SO WE'RE WORKING HARD TO MAKE THE PARK GREENER AND TO  
15 PROVIDE FOR LOTS OF ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE PARK. THERE ARE TWO  
16 OR THREE MAIN GOALS THAT WE'VE ESTABLISHED FOR THE DESIGN OF  
17 THE PARK. THE FIRST ONE AND VERY IMPORTANT IS TO LINK THE PARK  
18 TO THE CITY. ALL OF US, I THINK, KNOW THE EXISTING PARK IS  
19 SOMEWHAT HIDDEN BY BUILDINGS AND BY GRADE CHANGES. AND SO PART  
20 OF THE DESIGN HAS REALLY WORKED TO MAKE STRONGER CONNECTIONS  
21 TO GRAND AVENUE, TO HILL, TO BROADWAY, SPRING STREETS, REALLY  
22 INCREASE THE VISIBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY FROM THE CITY INTO  
23 THE PARK AREA. THE SECOND GOAL FOR THE PROJECT IS TO TIE IT,  
24 TO MAKE IT ONE PARK. RIGHT NOW, IT FEELS LIKE IT'S TWO OR  
25 THREE PARTICULAR SPACES. THE COUNTY MALL PARK, THE COURT OF



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1    FLAGS AND THE EXISTING PARKING LOT. AND OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE IT  
2    FEEL LIKE IT'S ONE PLACE, HAS A STRONG IMAGE. YOU COME TO IT  
3    TO SEE ACTIVITIES AND YOU MOVE GRACIOUSLY FROM BLOCK TO BLOCK.  
4    BUT IT FEELS LIKE ONE PARK. SO I'D LIKE TO GO THROUGH SOME  
5    IMAGES WITH YOU OF THE OVERALL PROJECT. HERE IS A MODEL. AND  
6    THIS MODEL SHOT IS TAKEN STANDING ON THE MUSIC CENTER PLAZA  
7    LOOKING ONTO GRAND, SEEING THE FOUNTAIN AND CITY HALL BEHIND  
8    YOU. HERE WE'RE SPENDING CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO REMOVE THE  
9    EXISTING RAMPS, THE INGRESS AND EXIT RAMPS FOR THE PARKING  
10    STRUCTURE, MOVING THEM TO THE FAR RIGHT. THIS IS THE NEW ENTRY  
11    RAMP, THE NEW EXIT RAMP. AND SPANNING OVER THAT LOCATION WITH  
12    A SERIES OF TERRACES AND STEPS SO THE VIEW CAN BE ACQUIRED  
13    DOWN THE FOUNTAIN. YOU CAN SEE THE FOUNTAIN BY GRAND AVENUE.  
14    IT'S EASY TO GET TO IT. IT REALLY MAKES A CONNECTION FROM  
15    GRAND AVENUE INTO THE PARK MUCH, MUCH EASIER. AT THE FOUNTAIN,  
16    WE'RE LOOKING AT MOVING THE STAR STARBUCKS FROM ITS CURRENT  
17    LOCATION OVER HERE TO A MUCH CLOSER PROXIMITY WITH THE  
18    FOUNTAIN SO THAT THERE IS A MUCH GREATER SENSE OF LIFE AND  
19    ENTERTAINMENT AROUND THAT ACTIVITY POINT. HERE IS THE PLAN OF  
20    THAT UPPER AREA, SHOWING THE NEW STEPS AND CONNECTIONS TO  
21    GRAND AVENUE. THE NEW RAMPS, THE FOUNTAIN ITSELF IS BEING  
22    RENOVATED AND RESTORED. AND WE'RE ALSO EXTENDING THE LOWER  
23    BASE AND ADDING AN INTERACTIVE PLAY FOUNTAIN FOR FAMILIES TO  
24    USE. AND HERE'S A POSSIBLE LOCATION FOR THE STARBUCKS. WE'RE  
25    STUDYING THIS LOCATION AND ANOTHER LOCATION OVER HERE BY THE



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1 FOUNTAIN. AND A MODEL SHOT SHOWING THOSE STAIRS AND TERRACES.  
2 THE RENOVATED FOUNTAIN WITH THE NEW INTERACTIVE FOUNTAIN AT  
3 THE BASE OF IT. AND HERE'S AN IMAGE OF WHAT THAT MIGHT LOOK  
4 LIKE LOOKING BACK AT THE GRAND AVENUE. THE CENTER OF THE  
5 EXISTING SPACE AT THE COUNTY PARK IS A VERY LARGE PAVED AREA  
6 THAT DOESN'T HAVE A LOT OF SCALE TO IT. THE EXISTING STARBUCKS  
7 IS HERE. WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE THIS MORE OF A LANDSCAPED COURT.  
8 WE'RE ADDING TREES AND SEATING ON BOTH SIDES OF THAT, STILL  
9 PROVIDING SPACE FOR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS THAT MIGHT HAPPEN.  
10 BUT REALLY TRYING TO CHANGE THE SCALE. AND HERE'S AN IMAGE OF  
11 THAT SHOWING THE NEW OLIVE TREES. A LOT OF THE EXISTING  
12 STATUES AND ARTWORK THAT ARE IN THE PARK WILL BE RELOCATED TO  
13 THIS AREA. AND WE WANT TO PROVIDE LOTS OF SEATING AND SHADED  
14 AREAS WITHIN THE PARK AT THAT LOCATION. ADJACENT TO THAT,  
15 WE'RE LOOKING AT REMOVING SOME OF THE EXISTING PATHS AND WALLS  
16 AND BARRIERS THAT HAPPEN IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE CURRENT  
17 MALL SPACE AND MAKING IT INTO A MUCH LARGER EVENT LAWN. THERE  
18 WILL BE A STAGE AREA FOR PERFORMANCES. WE'RE LOOKING AT  
19 CHILDREN'S GARDENS BEING ON THE SIDE OF THAT. THIS REALLY  
20 HAPPENS TO BE THE SAFEST SPACE IN THE CIVIC PARK BECAUSE OF  
21 ITS SEPARATION FROM TRAFFIC. SO WE REALLY WANT TO MAKE THIS  
22 THE CENTER OF ALL THE FAMILY ACTIVITIES. THE EXISTING RAMPS  
23 OFF OF HILL STREET WILL REMAIN; HOWEVER, WE'RE LANDSCAPING  
24 THEM SO THAT THERE WILL BE MORE HIDDEN. AND WE REALLY WANT TO  
25 BRING THE PARK TO THE STREET. RIGHT NOW THE RAMPS REALLY TEND



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1 TO ACT AS A BARRIER TO SEPARATE YOU FROM THE STREET. WE'D LIKE  
2 TO MAKE IT FEEL LIKE THE PARK COMES ALL THE WAY OUT TO HILL  
3 STREET. AND HERE IS AN IMAGE LOOKING AT THAT PERFORMANCE SPACE  
4 USING THE GRADE CHANGES TO MAKE AMPHITHEATRE SEATING. WE WANT  
5 TO HAVE A MORE GREEN AND MORE OPEN SPACE WITH A REALLY OPEN-  
6 END TYPE OF USE IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA. AND HERE'S AN IMAGE  
7 LOOKING AT SOME OF THE CHILDREN'S GARDENS ON THE SIDE OF IT  
8 AND A VIEW LOOKING AT THAT PERFORMANCE LAWN. AGAIN, OPEN AND  
9 GREEN. BY TAKING AWAY SOME OF THE WALLS AND STEPS, WE'RE  
10 OPENING UP THE WALKWAY TO THE LAWN. SO YOU CAN MOVE DIRECTLY  
11 FROM THAT WALKWAY SPACE INTO THE OPEN SPACES. RIGHT NOW THERE  
12 ARE A LOT OF SEPARATIONS. THE COURT OF FLAGS IS BEING ENHANCED  
13 AND REMODELED. THERE ARE THREE PARTS TO IT WHICH I WANT TO  
14 TALK ABOUT. ON THE FIRST PART IS THE M.T.A. PLAZA. THE SECOND  
15 IS A MULTICULTURAL GARDEN. AND THE THIRD IS THE NEW COURT OF  
16 FLAGS LOCATION THAT REALLY HAS A TREMENDOUS VISIBILITY FOR  
17 BROADWAY. AND WE'LL SEE WHERE THE FLAG POLES AND OTHER  
18 MONUMENTS ARE BEING RELOCATED IN A MINUTE IN SOME SUBSEQUENT  
19 IMAGES. SO HERE'S AN OVERVIEW OF THE MODEL. AGAIN, THE M.T.A.  
20 PLAZA. THE M.T.A. IS PROPOSING A NEW COVERING OVER THEIR  
21 SUBWAY ENTRANCE AT THIS POINT. AND WE'RE DOING SOME PEDESTRIAN  
22 IMPROVEMENTS AT THAT PLAZA. WE HOPE TO ACTUALLY PROVIDE SOME  
23 KIOSKS AND OTHER KINDS OF PEDESTRIAN AMENITIES. WE'RE LOOKING  
24 AT TRYING TO MAKE THE EXISTING SPACE IN THE MIDDLE, WHICH WE  
25 SENSE IS REALLY DETACHED FROM THE CITY. IT'S THE HARDEST PLACE



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1 TO SEE, INTO A MULTICULTURAL GARDEN TO REALLY CELEBRATE THE  
2 DIVERSITY OF ALL OF US WHO LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. AND THEN  
3 TAKING THE GRADE CHANGE THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS-- LET ME GO BACK  
4 HERE-- BETWEEN THE COURT OF FLAGS AND BROADWAY AND DOING A  
5 WHOLE SET OF LANDSCAPE BLEACHERS. THESE HAVE WAYS TO HAVE  
6 A.D.A. ACCESS, ALSO FOR STROLLERS. THEY ALSO PROVIDE LOTS OF  
7 SITTING AND PLACES TO HANG OUT SO THAT FROM BROADWAY YOU HAVE  
8 A SENSE THAT THERE'S REALLY LIFE IN THE PARK. AND IT'S THIS  
9 LOCATION WE'D LIKE TO PLACE ALL THE VETERANS' FLAGS FROM THE  
10 COURT OF FLAGS. WE THINK THAT THIS LOCATION ACTUALLY HAS MORE  
11 VISIBILITY AND PROMINENCE THAN ITS CURRENT LOCATION. AND I  
12 THINK WILL REALLY TEND TO BE A REALLY GREAT WAY TO HONOR THOSE  
13 FLAGS. AND HERE'S AN IMAGE OF Y BROADWAY LOOKING AT THOSE  
14 TERRACE STEPS. LOTS OF PLACES FOR SITTING AND ACTIVITIES TO  
15 HAPPEN ON THEM. AND FROM THIS MODEL SHOT, YOU CAN SEE  
16 BROADWAY. WE'RE LOOKING AT TAKING THE FLAGS ACTUALLY ACROSS  
17 THE STREET, ALSO AS A LINK. SO WHEN YOU DRIVE THROUGH  
18 BROADWAY, YOU REALLY FEEL LIKE YOU'RE MOVING THROUGH THIS  
19 COURT OF FLAGS. AND FINALLY HERE IS AN IMAGE OF LOOKING FROM  
20 THE SUBWAY PLAZA THROUGH THE MULTICULTURAL GARDEN AND BACK  
21 DOWN TO CITY HALL. THE LAST AREA IS A PROPOSED FLEXIBLE  
22 PERFORMANCE LAWN. AND HERE WE'RE RENOVATING THE EXISTING  
23 PARKING LOT, TRYING TO PROVIDE A REALLY LARGE SPACE FOR  
24 PERFORMANCES, THEATERS, PUBLIC EVENTS THAT MIGHT HAPPEN HERE  
25 FOR THE CITY. THIS SHOULD REALLY BECOME THE NEW FRONT LAWN FOR



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1 ALL ANGELINOS. WE'VE WORKED CLOSELY WITH NUMEROUS EVENT  
2 PLANNERS TO REALLY UNDERSTAND ALL THE REQUIREMENTS AND NEEDS  
3 TO MAKE THIS SPACE REALLY WORK. ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF IT, WE  
4 HAVE A FLEXIBLE MARKETPLACE. TRUCKS CAN COME IN AND OUT OF  
5 THIS SPACE ON A WEEKLY BASIS THAT MIGHT BE USED FOR FARMERS'  
6 MARKET; BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHEN BIG EVENTS ARE IN THIS  
7 SPACE, THIS IS WHERE ALL THE SUPPORT VEHICLES, MEDIA,  
8 LIGHTING, INFORMATION, ALL THIS STAGING HAPPENS SO THAT WE  
9 MAKE THIS PLACE AS EASY TO USE AS POSSIBLE. AND SOME IMAGES OF  
10 BROADWAY, AGAIN THAT OPEN PERFORMANCE LAWN. AND HERE'S THE  
11 FARMERS' MARKET SUPPORT SPACES ALONG THE EDGE. AND AN IMAGE OF  
12 THAT LAWN SPACE LOOKING UP TO THE STEPS HERE, WHICH ACT AS  
13 SORT OF BLEACHERS FOR BIG PERFORMANCES THAT MIGHT HAPPEN AND  
14 THE D.W.P. IN THE DISTANCE. AND HERE AGAIN IS AN OVERALL MODEL  
15 SHOT. AGAIN THE MAIN GOAL IS TO MAKE THE PARK VISIBLE,  
16 EVERYBODY CAN GET TO IT, YOU CAN SEE IT, CORRECT ANY ISSUES AS  
17 FAR AS GRADE CHANGE AND ACCESSIBILITY SO YOU CAN MOVE FROM  
18 BASICALLY SPRING ALL THE WAY UP TO GRAND AVENUE EASILY AND TO  
19 MAKE IT REALLY FEEL LIKE ONE BIG PUBLIC GARDEN. DO EVERYTHING  
20 WE CAN TO TRY TO TIE THESE SPACES TOGETHER THROUGH WALKWAYS  
21 AND PROMENADES SO THAT THE CITY BENEFITS FROM HAVING A REALLY  
22 FANTASTIC CENTRAL PUBLIC PARK.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MARK. I THINK THAT ONE OF THE EXCITING  
25 OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE HAVE HERE IS WHAT MARK HAS SAID, IS TO



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1 CREATE A GARDEN AREA IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. TO CREATE A  
2 PEDESTRIAN ORIENTATION WHERE PEOPLE CAN COME, HAVE A WIDE  
3 RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES, TO TAKE A WALK, SIT BY THE WATER, TO  
4 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PERFORMANCE. THERE'S SO MANY  
5 OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE HAVE HERE, AND OF COURSE TO EXPAND THE  
6 ENTIRE GREEN AREA. WE'RE KIND OF VERY EXCITED ABOUT IT. IN  
7 MANY WAYS I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT MARK HAS DONE. I THINK  
8 WHAT I ASKED HIM AND I SAID WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO?  
9 AND I'M SAYING GREEN. THAT'S WHAT I WANT. I'D LIKE TREES. I'D  
10 LIKE TO BE ABLE TO TAKE A WALK. I'D LIKE TO SEE PEOPLE GO OUT  
11 THERE AND ENJOY THEIR LUNCH AND TAKE A STROLL IN THE MIDDLE OF  
12 THE DAY, AND HAVE VARIOUS KINDS OF OPPORTUNITIES AND  
13 PARTICULARLY TO OPEN IT UP TO PEDESTRIANS AND CHILDREN AND  
14 MANY OTHERS. UNFORTUNATELY THIS SPACE HAS JUST NOT BEEN  
15 UTILIZED THROUGHOUT THE DECADES, I GUESS, AS IT COULD BE. SO  
16 WE HAVE A REAL OPPORTUNITY. WE APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT MARK  
17 HAS DONE. WE APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT RELATED HAS DONE TO HELP  
18 US IN THIS REGARD. THIS PROJECT IS COMING IN ON BUDGET. WE  
19 ONLY HAVE SO MUCH MONEY THAT WE CAN SPEND. THE VERY EXCITING  
20 PART OF IT IS THE OPENING UP THROUGHOUT GRAND AVENUE AND ALL  
21 THE WAY ACROSS, SO THERE'S REAL ORIENTATION TO REALLY CREATE A  
22 CIVIC CENTER AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO COME DOWN. OUR  
23 FOUNTAIN IS HISTORIC. WE ARE TAKING CARE OF IT AND EXPANDING  
24 THE OPPORTUNITIES OF WATER, ADDING FEATURES TO IT WHICH ARE  
25 VERY NICE. AND REALLY HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO, AS THE YEARS



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1 GO ON, HOPEFULLY WE WILL FIND NEW FUNDS AND NEW DOLLARS TO ADD  
2 TO IT. BUT I THINK THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF IT IS BEING  
3 TAKEN CARE OF NOW, AND THAT IS TO ADD THE LANDSCAPING, THE  
4 TREES, THE PEDESTRIAN ORIENTATION MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO REALLY  
5 OPEN IT UP TO ALL ANGELINOS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT  
6 CAN COME IN AND SEE A BEAUTIFUL PART OF DOWNTOWN. HOPEFULLY  
7 EVENTUALLY AS SOME OF THESE BUILDINGS MOVE ON, WE WILL BE ABLE  
8 TO EXPAND THE OPPORTUNITY OF MORE GREEN SPACE IN DOWNTOWN LOS  
9 ANGELES AND REMIND EVERYBODY THAT WE ARE ALL HERE AND HAVE AN  
10 OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE IN THE GREEN, AS WELL AS EVERYONE WOULD  
11 LIKE TO. SO I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE. MARTHA AND THE GRAND  
12 AVENUE COMMITTEE FOR BEING PART OF IT. I'M VERY PROUD OF THE  
13 PROJECT MOVING FORWARD. SO IT IS HERE BEFORE US. I DON'T KNOW  
14 IF THE MEMBERS HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OF OUR PANEL? MR.  
15 ANTONOVICH.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAME CHAIRMAN, HOW DID YOU INTERFACE WITH  
18 THE DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS  
19 ANGELES AND THE COUNTY'S VETERANS COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE  
20 COURT OF FLAGS ISSUE?

21

22 **MARTHA WELLSBOURNE:** WE HAVE NOT YET INTERFACED WITH THEM. I'M  
23 VERY PLEASED TO SEE THAT THERE'S A DELEGATION HERE. AS I  
24 MENTIONED IN MY OPENING REMARKS, WE'RE AT THE FIRST PHASE OF



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1 DESIGN, WHICH REPRESENTS ABOUT 20 PERCENT. IT'S AN IMPORTANT  
2 STEP. BUT WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET WITH THEM AS WE GO FORWARD.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO MEET WITH THEM  
5 FIRST? I DON'T SEE THE COUNTY BEING EMPHASIZED, LIKE THE  
6 CITY'S USING THE COUNTY'S PROPERTY FOR ALL THIS.

7

8 **MARTHA WELLSBOURNE:** ALL I CAN DO IS APOLOGIZE THAT WE HAVE NOT  
9 MET WITH THEM BEFORE NOW. BUT WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET WITH THEM  
10 GOING FORWARD.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT WAS YOUR DIALOGUE WITH THE UKRAINE  
13 COMMITTEE BECAUSE OF THE GENOCIDE PLAQUE THAT WAS  
14 COMMEMORATED?

15

16 **MARTHA WELLSBOURNE:** THE WOMAN THAT HAD THE DIALOGUE WITH THEM  
17 IS NOT UP HERE. (INAUDIBLE COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE).

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY HAVE AN ASSOCIATION WHO SPONSORED THAT.  
20 I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THEY ALSO BE IN CLOSE--

21

22 **MARTHA WELLSBOURNE:** YES, ABSOLUTELY. AND THE LAST  
23 CORRESPONDENCE THEY HAD WITH HER VIA EMAIL WAS THAT WE WOULD  
24 BE COMMENCING THE NEXT PHASE OF THE DESIGN DURING APRIL, AND  
25 THAT AT THAT TIME WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH THEM AND



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1 DISCUSS WHAT THEIR INTEREST IN THE MONUMENT IS AND HOW WE CAN  
2 ACCOMMODATE THEIR INTEREST.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE VIETNAM VETERANS, HAVE YOU MET WITH  
5 THEM? BECAUSE OF THE PRISONER OF WAR FLAG THAT WE HAVE.

6

7 **MARTHA WELLSBOURNE:** WE HAVE NOT MET WITH THEM YET, NO.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY WITH THE  
10 COLUMBUS STATUE, MONUMENT THAT IS A YEARLY EVENT HOSTED BY  
11 THE--

12

13 **MARTHA WELLSBOURNE:** TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THEY HAVE NOT ATTENDED  
14 OUR MANY, MANY PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETINGS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WERE THEY INVITED?

17

18 **MARTHA WELLSBOURNE:** EVERYONE, THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL HAS BEEN  
19 INVITED.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE MONUMENTS WITHIN THE  
22 COURT, HAVE THEY BEEN INVITED PERSONALLY?

23



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1 **MARTHA WELLSBOURNE:** NOT PERSONALLY. THERE IS AN EFFORT-- MY  
2 UNDERSTANDING IS THERE IS AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY EXACTLY WHICH  
3 GROUPS PROMOTED THOSE MONUMENTS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S NOT VERY DIFFICULT BECAUSE THE BOARD  
6 SPONSORS THOSE MEMORIALS EACH YEAR. AND THAT INFORMATION IS  
7 READILY AVAILABLE BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

8

9 **MARTHA WELLSBOURNE:** WELL, WE WILL GET IT FROM THEM AND WELL  
10 MEET WITH EACH GROUP. WE DO HAVE LOCATIONS FOR VARIOUS  
11 MONUMENTS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW. BUT THOSE ARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS. BUT  
14 IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE THE INPUT OF THE PEOPLE WHO'S DONATED  
15 THE RESOURCES FOR THOSE MONUMENTS AND PLAQUES.

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17 **MARTHA WELLSBOURNE:** WE ARE MORE THAN HAPPY TO MEET WITH THEM.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT I THINK YOU SHOULD BE THINKING-- AGAIN,  
20 NOT OF SOME DOWNTOWN OR OTHER OUTSIDE INTEREST, BUT THE PEOPLE  
21 WHOSE MONUMENTS ARE HERE IN RECOGNITION OF THE SACRIFICES TO  
22 OUR COUNTRY AND THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIFE THROUGH  
23 GENOCIDE. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, MR. FUJIOKA, THAT THE  
24 DEVELOPER HAS FAILED TO RAISE THE CAPITAL NECESSARY TO START  
25 THE CONSTRUCTION?



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF WE'RE REFERRING TO THE PARK, THERE ARE  
3 SUFFICIENT FUNDS. AND, IN FACT, THIS DEVELOPER, AS PART OF THE  
4 AGREEMENT, HAS SET ASIDE MONEY THAT WILL PROVIDE THE FUNDING  
5 FOR THIS PARK. WE HAVE IT IN AN ESCROW ACCOUNT RIGHT NOW. AS  
6 SUPERVISOR MOLINA STATED, THAT WE HAVE THE FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO  
7 COMPLETE WHAT WAS DESCRIBED TODAY. THE PROJECT IS A SEPARATE  
8 MATTER. THE PROJECT IS STILL PROCEEDING. I THINK WHAT'S  
9 HAPPENING NOW IS NOT UNIQUE TO THIS DEVELOPER BUT UNIQUE TO  
10 WHAT EVERYONE'S FACING IN THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY. BUT AS IT  
11 RELATES SOLELY TO THE PARK, WE HAVE THE FUNDS. THE DEVELOPER  
12 HAS IDENTIFIED-- IN FACT, HAS ALREADY CONTRIBUTED THE MONEY.  
13 AND WE ARE READY TO GO FORWARD ONCE WE OBTAIN THE NECESSARY  
14 APPROVALS.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S INTERESTING BECAUSE THIS PAST WEEKEND  
17 WE JUST FOUND IN A REPORT IN THE NEWSPAPER THAT WILSHIRE GRAND  
18 IS GOING TO HAVE A \$1 BILLION DEVELOPMENT OF A FIVE-STAR HOTEL  
19 ON FIGUEROA AND WILSHIRE. AND I BELIEVE PRIVATE FINANCING'S  
20 INVOLVED. SO THIS IS A BILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT THAT THESE  
21 PEOPLE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH, ANOTHER FIVE-STAR HOTEL, ALONG  
22 WITH WE HAVE THE FIVE-STAR HOTEL AT THE STAPLES.

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24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL ON THE STAPLES PROJECT, I WAS INTIMATELY  
25 INVOLVED WITH THAT. THAT PROJECT DID START. OR ACTUALLY



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1     STARTED ALMOST 10 YEARS AGO. BUT FOR THE CURRENT PROJECT, IT  
2     STARTED AND THE FINANCING WAS PUT IN PLACE ABOUT IF NOT FIVE,  
3     SIX YEARS AGO. I CAN'T SPEAK TO THE WILSHIRE PROJECT, BUT I DO  
4     KNOW THAT THE COMPANY IS ESSENTIALLY FINANCING IT THEMSELVES.

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6     **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE IS PRIVATE FINANCING AVAILABLE OUT  
7     THERE. AND WHEN I KNOW WE HAD A CONTRACT THAT HAD CONSTRUCTION  
8     NOT BEGUN ON THE TIME FRAME THAT WE WERE TOLD IT WOULD BEGIN  
9     ON THAT WE WOULD BE THEN GETTING, WHAT? \$250,000 PENALTY PER  
10    MONTH. AND THEN THERE WAS AN ACTION IN WHICH YOUR J.P.A. HAD  
11    MET IN FEBRUARY. AND THEN MOVED FORWARD THE FOLLOWING WEEK.  
12    AND NOW YOU HAVE AN AGREEMENT TO POSTPONE THESE \$250,000  
13    MONTHLY PAYMENTS, WHICH IS ANOTHER VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT  
14    THAT HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN MADE BY THE BOARD AND SUBSEQUENTLY  
15    HAS BEEN AMENDED AND THEN AMENDED. THERE'S THIS AMENDMENT AND  
16    AMENDMENT.

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18    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND.

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20    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN YOU READ WHERE A NEW FIVE-STAR HOTEL  
21    IS GOING DOWNTOWN, A NEW HIGH-RISE, WAS IT TWO TOWERS, A  
22    BILLION DOLLARS PLUS THAT'S GOING TO BE BUILT? AND I WOULD  
23    ASSUME THAT'S GOING TO BE BUILT IN THAT TIMEFRAME.

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1   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TODAY, A LITTLE  
2   BIT WITH THAT WILSHIRE PROJECT, THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN PROPOSED AT  
3   THIS POINT. BUT TODAY WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE US IS THE PLAN TO  
4   CONSTRUCT THE PARK. WHAT WE ALSO HAVE BEFORE US IS NOT ONLY  
5   THE FIRST PHASE OF THE DESIGN AND WITH THE PROMISE TO MOVE  
6   FORWARD AND BE MORE INCLUSIVE WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE  
7   COMMUNITY WHO WILL BE IMPACTED BY THIS, BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT  
8   AS IT RELATES TO THE FUNDING FOR THIS PARK, SUFFICIENT FUNDS  
9   HAVE NOT ONLY BEEN IDENTIFIED BUT SECURED IN A SEPARATE  
10   ACCOUNT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS. THE PROJECT STANDS ON ITS  
11   OWN AS THIS PARK STANDS ON ITS OWN. BECAUSE IF IT WERE-- IF  
12   THERE'S A QUESTION-- IF THERE'S ANY CONCERN REGARDING WHETHER  
13   OR NOT WE'LL HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO COMPLETE IT, I BELIEVE  
14   THOSE CONCERNS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED.

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16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THERE WAS A FEBRUARY 9TH MEETING OF THE  
17   J.P.A. IN CLOSED SESSION THAT HAD ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WAS NO  
18   REPORT. THEN ON FEBRUARY 7TH, THERE WAS A SIGNED AMENDMENT BY  
19   THE CHAIRMAN THAT ENABLED RELATED COMPANIES TO POSTPONE THE  
20   \$250,000 MONTHLY PAYMENT, WHICH WAS THE FOURTH EXTENSION OF  
21   THE J.P.A. THEY HAVE GRANTED TO THIS DEVELOPER. THEN THE GRAND  
22   AVENUE AUTHORITY HAD A MARCH 23RD MEETING SCHEDULED, THE  
23   J.P.A., ONLY TO HAVE-- AND WAS THAT AMENDMENT DISCUSSED AT  
24   THAT MEETING? BECAUSE I'VE BEEN TOLD THE J.P.A. CANCELED THAT



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1 MEETING. SO THERE'S REALLY BEEN NO FULL PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND  
2 OPEN SESSION RELATIVE TO THE GRAND AVENUE AUTHORITY'S J.P.A.

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE J.P.A. MEETING, THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AS  
5 IT RELATES TO THE PROJECT?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY'RE MAKING DECISIONS WHICH HAS A  
8 SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT ON THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OF THE PROJECT.  
9 I MEAN A \$250,000 MONTHLY PAYMENT, I KNOW IF YOU DON'T PAY  
10 YOUR TAXES ON APRIL 15TH, WHAT HAPPENS? YOU GET A NICE LITTLE  
11 LETTER IN THE MAIL AND THEN THEY CAN START ATTACHING YOUR  
12 FINANCIAL ASSETS. HERE WE CONTINUE TO GIVE A BLIND EYE WHEN WE  
13 HAD DEVELOPERS WHO WANTED TO COME IN, WHO WANTED A FAST  
14 TURNAROUND AND WHO WERE DENIED THAT OPPORTUNITY THROUGH SOME  
15 TYPE OF BACK ROOM DEALS. YOU DIDN'T HAVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING.  
16 NO, NO, YOU DIDN'T HAVE COMPETITIVE-- THERE WERE OTHERS. WELL,  
17 THERE WERE OTHERS WHO WERE INTERESTED IN DOING THAT.

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19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I CAN'T SPEAK TO WHO ELSE MAY HAVE HAD AN  
20 INTEREST BECAUSE I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER COMPANIES THAT HAD  
21 AN INTEREST. IT DOES PRE-DATE ME SOMEWHAT. I THINK THE FOCUS  
22 TODAY IS WHERE WE'RE AT WITH THIS PARK. YOUR CONCERNS  
23 REGARDING THE PROJECT, I UNDERSTAND THEM AND RESPECT THEM.  
24 WE'RE AT A POINT RIGHT NOW WHERE I DON'T KNOW THE FINANCING  
25 FOR THE WILSHIRE PROJECT, BUT I DO KNOW THAT THIS COMPANY IS



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1 STILL MOVING FORWARD. IT'S STILL IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING  
2 ITS CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS. IT HAS NOT STOPPED ANY OF THEIR  
3 PLANS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS EFFORT. THEY CONTINUE TO GET THE  
4 DESIGN DOCUMENTS TOGETHER. THEY'VE MADE EVERY GOOD FAITH  
5 EFFORT TO PROCEED WITH THIS CONTRACT. THE UNFORTUNATE  
6 SITUATION IS THEY'RE CAUGHT UP, AS IS EVERY OTHER MAJOR  
7 DEVELOPMENT COMPANY IN THE UNITED STATES, IN TAKING THE NEXT  
8 STEP TO ACTUALLY PUT A SHOVEL IN THE GROUND. BUT THEY HAVEN'T  
9 STOPPED ANY WORK ON IT. WHEN IT CAME TO THE COMMITMENT FOR  
10 THIS PARK, THEY DID STEP UP AND NOT ONLY MADE-- COMMITTED THE  
11 COMPANY'S ASSETS, THEY ACTUALLY PUT THE MONEY UP FOR THIS  
12 PARK. SO IN MY MIND, I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT. THAT NORMALLY  
13 HAPPENS AT THE END OF THE PROJECT. BUT AT THE BEGINNING IS  
14 VERY SIGNIFICANT.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THE ISSUE HAS BEEN MORE OR LESS  
21 EXHAUSTED, BUT I WANTED TO JUST FOR THE RECORD KIND OF-- I  
22 READ PAPER OVER THE WEEKEND, TOO, AND I'LL BE VERY INTERESTED  
23 TO SEE WHEN THE SHOVEL GOES IN THE GROUND. THERE IS NOTHING  
24 THAT IS MORE EPHEMERAL THAN REAL ESTATE PRESS IN THE SUNDAY  
25 NEWSPAPER. IT'S EVEN MORE UNRELIABLE THAN POLITICAL PRESS



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1 RELEASES. SO WE'LL SEE IF THAT COMES TOGETHER. BUT THIS  
2 COMPANY, WHOEVER THEY ARE, IF THEY WERE AROUND THREE, FOUR  
3 YEARS AGO, WHENEVER THIS WHOLE THING STARTED, HAD AN  
4 OPPORTUNITY TO BID ON THIS PROPERTY, TOO. I DON'T THINK WE  
5 WERE GOING TO DO THE KIND OF PROJECT AT GRAND AVENUE THAT THEY  
6 ARE PROPOSING TO DO DOWN THERE AT SEVENTH AND FIGUEROA, I  
7 GUESS THE HOTEL SITE. WE HAD SOME LIMITS TO WHAT WE WERE GOING  
8 TO DO. AND WE HAD A PARK ISSUE. I THINK THE C.E.O. SAID IT  
9 QUITE WELL. THESE GUYS ARE OUR PARTNERS NOW. IT'S THROUGH NO  
10 FAULT OF THEIR OWN THAT THEY HAVE GOTTEN CAUGHT UP IN THIS  
11 REAL ESTATE SITUATION. WE ARE CAUGHT UP IN IT AS A COUNTY,  
12 ALSO. WE'RE MAKING CHANGES IN OUR COMMITMENTS AND JUGGLING  
13 THINGS BECAUSE OF-- DEFERRING THINGS BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC  
14 SITUATION. THEY CERTAINLY ARE. THE ONE THING THAT I DO THINK  
15 PAYS TO JUST EMPHASIZE IS, IT'S THE ONE THING THAT THE COUNTY  
16 DID REQUIRE AND THE J.P.A. DID REQUIRE THAT THEY DO, AND  
17 THAT'S PUT UP THE MONEY FIRST FOR THE PARK. THEY DID. IT'S  
18 CONCEIVABLE, I DON'T KNOW THE ECONOMICS OF THIS ANY MORE THAN  
19 I KNOW NUCLEAR PHYSICS, BUT MY BET IS THAT YOU'D HAVE A BETTER  
20 SHOT OF TRYING TO DEVELOP THAT PARK TODAY IF YOU TOOK THAT 50  
21 MILLION, WITH THE INTEREST, AND PUT IT INTO THE DEVELOPMENT  
22 PROJECT AND NOT INTO THE PARK. BUT YOU WERE REQUIRED TO. YOU  
23 LIVED UP TO THAT COMMITMENT. THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT  
24 COMMITMENT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW THAT WE MEASURE YOU AGAINST.  
25 YOU ARE NOW OUR PARTNER. WHEN YOU DO SOMETHING THAT IS



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1 VIOLATES THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT THAT IS YOUR FAULT, YOU  
2 MAY NO LONGER BE OUR PARTNER. BUT WE HAVE TO BE DEAF, BLIND  
3 AND DUMB NOT TO REALIZE THAT THE WORLD WE LIVE IN NOW IS A  
4 LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN THE WORLD WE WERE LIVING IN THE DAY WE  
5 APPROVED THIS PROJECT AND CERTAINLY A FAR CRY FROM THE WORLD  
6 WE LIVED IN THE DAY WE PUT OUT THE R.F.P. FOR THIS PROJECT,  
7 WHICH WAS SEVERAL YEARS AGO. AND I THINK WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO  
8 DO IS YOU'RE TRYING TO HANG ON. YOU COULD HAVE WALKED AWAY  
9 FROM THIS AT THIS POINT. WE DON'T WANT YOU TO WALK AWAY. IT'S  
10 A GOOD PROJECT. IT'S A BOLD PROJECT. AS FAR AS THE GRAND  
11 AVENUE PIECE OF IT IS CONCERNED. THE PARK IS OBVIOUSLY ANOTHER  
12 PIECE OF IT. BUT I THINK WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER NOW AS LONG AS  
13 WE'RE BOTH PROCEEDING IN GOOD FAITH. AND I WILL SAY THAT THE  
14 RELATED FOLKS HAVE PROCEEDED IN GOOD FAITH AT EVERY STEP OF  
15 THE WAY FROM MY OBSERVATION. AND I FOLLOWED THIS MAYBE NOT AS  
16 CLOSELY AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS, BUT I FOLLOWED IT CLOSELY.  
17 WE WANT TO MAKE THIS THING WORK. SO, ANYWAY, I JUST WANTED TO  
18 SAY THAT. ON THE PARK, IF I COULD JUST SAY SOMETHING, I AM NOT  
19 OVERWHELMED WITH THE PARK PLAN. NOT BECAUSE OF THE WORK OF THE  
20 ARCHITECTS DID ON IT. IT'S QUITE GOOD. AND I'VE SAID IT  
21 BEFORE, I'M GOING TO SAY IT AGAIN. MAYBE I HAVEN'T SAID IT  
22 PUBLICLY. THE OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE ON THIS-- IN THIS AREA,  
23 AND IT'S KIND OF FICTIONAL TO TALK ABOUT IT IN THE CURRENT  
24 ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT, BUT WE WILL NOT ALWAYS BE IN THIS  
25 ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT. THAT IS, IF YOU REMOVE THIS BUILDING AND



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1 THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE FROM THIS SUPER BLOCK OR BLOCKS, THIS  
2 AREA, YOU WOULD HAVE THREE TO FOUR TIMES AS MUCH PARK AS YOU  
3 ARE GOING TO BUILD WITH THIS 50 OR \$52 MILLION. I HAD THIS  
4 CONVERSATION-- I HAD IT WITH YOU GUYS. IT'S NOT YOUR PROBLEM,  
5 IT'S OUR PROBLEM. AND THE COURT'S PROBLEM. I KIND OF MUSED  
6 ABOUT IT WITH YOUR PREDECESSOR AND WITH YOU, BILL. AND TALKED  
7 TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE STATE SUPREME COURT WHO IS IN  
8 CHARGE OF ALL THE COURTS JUST TO GET THE CONVERSATION GOING.  
9 AND I KNOW THAT OTHERS UP HERE HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS, TOO.  
10 AND I HOPE THAT SOME DAY WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO DO THAT,  
11 BECAUSE FROM AN URBAN DESIGN POINT OF VIEW, I MEAN THIS  
12 BUILDING HAS GOT TO BE FIXED. IT'S EITHER GOING TO BE FIXED OR  
13 IT'S GOING TO BE REPLACED. AND THE ANALYSIS THAT WAS DONE FOR  
14 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE SOMETIME AGO WAS THAT THIS BUILDING, IT  
15 WOULD BE CHEAPER, MORE COST-EFFECTIVE, I SHOULD SAY, TO  
16 REPLACE IT ELSEWHERE AND NOT MOVE OUT AND THEN MOVE BACK IN.  
17 IT'S HUGE COST ASSOCIATED WITH DOING IT THE LATTER WAY. I  
18 CAN'T SPEAK FOR THE COURT. I CAN SPEAK FOR THIS BUILDING. IT  
19 IS SEISMICALLY CHALLENGED. ESPECIALLY THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING  
20 I WORK ON, THE EAST SIDE. MAYBE ANTONOVICH OR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
21 ARE LESS CONCERNED, BUT KNABE AND I ARE QUITE CONCERNED WITH  
22 IT WHETHER IT'S A 4.0 IN HEMIC, WE FEEL IT ON HILL STREET.  
23 BUT, SERIOUSLY, THIS BUILDING HAS ISSUES. AND SO AT SOME POINT  
24 SOMETHING'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE DONE. AND IT WOULD JUST MAKE A  
25 HECK OF A LOT OF SENSE IF WE KEPT THAT IN OUR THOUGHTS AND



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1 PRAYERS AND ON OUR RADAR SCREEN. WHEN I MET WITH YOU FOLKS A  
2 FEW WEEKS AGO, MY UNDERSTANDING AND MY COMMITMENT YOU'VE MADE  
3 AND THE EXPLANATION YOU GAVE IS THAT EVERYTHING THAT IS BEING  
4 DONE IN THIS INITIAL PLAN WOULD NOT BE IN ANY WAY IN CONFLICT  
5 IF WE EVER WANTED TO OR WERE EVER ABLE TO EXPAND IT AS I'VE  
6 JUST DESCRIBED. THERE'S NOTHING THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE UNDONE  
7 IN ANY FUNDAMENTAL WAY. IT COULD BE A WORK IN PROGRESS, SO TO  
8 SPEAK; IS THAT CORRECT?

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10 **MARK RIOS:** YES. WE'VE GOT PLANS FOR LOOKING AT ONE OF THE  
11 BUILDINGS BEING GONE, FOR BOTH THE BUILDINGS BEING GONE. WE  
12 REALLY SEE THE OTHERS BEING ADDED SPACES. WE DON'T HAVE TO  
13 REDO THE PARK WE'RE DOING NOW.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE INCREDIBLE FOR  
16 THE AREA. IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR THE CATHEDRAL, WHICH RIGHT  
17 NOW IS LANDLOCKED ON ALL SIDES, ON ONE SIDE BY THE FREEWAY, ON  
18 THE OTHER SIDE BY US. IT WOULD OPEN IT UP AS MUCH AS IT'S EVER  
19 GOING TO GET OPENED UP. THERE'S A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES TO DO  
20 SOMETHING TO MAKE THIS NOT JUST A GREEN SPACE BUT A GATHERING  
21 PLACE, A CENTRAL PARK OF SOME SIGNIFICANCE TO DOWNTOWN LOS  
22 ANGELES. ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE FROM THE PUBLIC  
25 THAT WISH TO TESTIFY. I WOULD LIKE YOU NOT TO GO TOO FAR AWAY



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1 BECAUSE THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS. I'M GOING THE CALL  
2 UP THOSE FOLKS. LET'S BEGIN WITH ARNOLD SACHS, CARVEL GAY  
3 COULD JOIN US, ANN NGUYEN FOLLOWED BY RUSSELL BROWN. I THINK  
4 THERE ARE FOUR SEATS UP HERE IF YOU WOULD COME UP AND JOIN US.  
5 MR. SACHS, IF YOU WOULD JUST WATCH FOR THE WIRES THERE SO WE  
6 CAN HAVE THAT UP. OKAY. WAIT JUST A SECOND. WHO DID I CALL UP?  
7 HOW COME WE GOT SO MANY PEOPLE UP? I CALLED UP FOUR PEOPLE.  
8 ARNOLD SACHS, CARVEL GAY, ANN NGUYEN AND RUSSELL BROWN.

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10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. GRAND AVENUE  
11 PROJECT. THIS PARK DESIGN, IS IT IN LIEU OF QUIMBY FEES? I  
12 WOULD IMAGINE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT, FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD IN  
13 COUNTY AND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS, QUIMBY FEES ARE GENERATED  
14 FROM DEVELOPMENTS ON UNITS. IS THIS PARK IN LIEU OF QUIMBY  
15 FEES THAT THE DEVELOPER WOULD HAVE TO PAY? IF SO, I APPLAUD  
16 THE CHANGE IN POLICY WHERE THE COUNTY IS ACTUALLY GETTING  
17 MONEY UP FRONT FROM DEVELOPERS FOR PARK DEVELOPMENT. AND THEY  
18 SHOULD CONTINUE ALONG THIS LINE IN OTHER DESIGNS. MAKES SENSE  
19 TO ME. THE PUBLIC WOULD ACTUALLY GET SOME BENEFIT FROM A  
20 PROJECT PRIOR TO THE PROJECT BEING DEVELOPED. IF IT'S NOT IN  
21 LIEU, IF THAT'S NOT WHAT'S HAPPENING, THEN THERE'S SOMETHING  
22 WRONG HERE. BECAUSE THEY'RE GIVING UP MONEY AND IT ALMOST  
23 CERTAINLY WOULD AMOUNT TO A PITTANCE OF WHAT THEY WOULD HAVE  
24 TO PAY IF THE QUIMBY FEES WERE COLLECTED ON ALL THE UNITS THAT  
25 WERE DEVELOPED. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK A QUESTION. THE DESIGN IS



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1 APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND THE JOINT POWERS  
2 AUTHORITY, WHICH IS MADE UP OF COUNTY AND CITY MEMBERS. WHY IS  
3 THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY INVOLVED IF IT'S NOT A CITY  
4 AGENCY? WHERE IS THE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY IF  
5 THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY IS INVOLVED? YOU GOT A  
6 JOINT POWERS COMMITTEE. YOU GOT THE COUNTY. YOU GOT THE CITY  
7 ALREADY ASKING, INVOLVED IN THE DESIGN APPROVAL. THE DESIGNER  
8 IS DEALING WITH THE RELATED COMPANY. THE CITY, THE COUNTY AND  
9 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. AGAIN, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
10 AGENCY IS NOT A CITY AGENCY ACCORDING TO THE CITY, THEY DON'T  
11 HAVE TO-- THE CITY'S FINANCIAL POLICIES ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO  
12 THE C.R.A. IF THEY'RE NOT APPLICABLE AND THE CITY IS PAYING  
13 THEIR LEGAL FEES AND THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH THE OWNER OF  
14 THE-- WHAT'S THE HOTEL DOWNTOWN, THE BONAVENTURE WHO SUED THE  
15 CITY OVER THE INCREASE IN DENSITY, HE ACTUALLY SUED THE C.R.A.  
16 AND THE CITY ENDED UP PAYING NOT ONLY THE LEGAL FEES BUT THE  
17 SETTLEMENT. WHAT'S THAT ABOUT? WHY ARE WE BEING HELD HOSTAGE  
18 BY THIS AGENCY, THE C.R.A., WHICH IS PRETTY MUCH A CORRUPT  
19 AGENCY. LOOK INTO THEIR BACKGROUND. AND THEN FINALLY, THE  
20 JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY. IF YOU HAVE THE COUNTY AND THE CITY,  
21 WHY WOULD YOU NEED IT? I'D LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT THE Q.M.B.E.  
22 FEES, THOUGH. THAT REALLY WOULD BE INTERESTING. AND I'D LIKE  
23 TO KNOW IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO RECOMMEND THAT THIS POLICY  
24 BE ENACTED IN ALL FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS SO THAT, AGAIN, THE



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1 PUBLIC GETS SOME BENEFIT WHILE THEY'RE STILL AROUND TO  
2 APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. GAY?

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6 **CARVEL GAY:** YES, MADAME CHAIRMAN. IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO  
7 BE HERE. CARVEL GAY REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
8 VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMISSION. AND I HAVE WITH ME THIS  
9 AFTERNOON THE CHAIR OF OUR COMMISSION, RUDY GARCIA, AND  
10 ANOTHER MEMBER, STEVE ROSS MERRIN NOW, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME  
11 THAT WE HAVE EVER HEARD OF ANY CHANGES BEING MADE, AND WE  
12 ENCOURAGE THAT BUT YET IT'S ALWAYS NICE, AS IT WAS MENTIONED,  
13 FOR SOMEBODY TO COME FORTH AND GET OUR OPINION. WE DO  
14 REPRESENT AN AWFUL LOT OF VETERANS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
15 ANGELES. AND THERE ARE THINGS ON HERE THAT SHOULD BE  
16 CONSIDERED. I MIGHT JUST TAKE A COUPLE OF MINUTES HERE TO READ  
17 A BRIEF HISTORY, IF I MAY, OF THE COURT OF THE AMERICAN FLAGS.  
18 KEEP IN MIND THIS WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
19 ON MAY 5TH, 1970. THE COURT CONTAINS 18 FLAGS REPRESENTING  
20 VARIOUS PERIODS OF OUR NATION'S HISTORY. VERY IMPORTANT. THEIR  
21 DEDICATION PLAQUE STATES THE FLAGS OF OUR NATION HAVE  
22 TRADITIONALLY SYMBOLIZED OUR HOPES, OUR IDEALS AND  
23 ACHIEVEMENTS AND ETERNAL DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF  
24 DEMOCRACY. WOVEN INTO THE FABRIC OF THOSE PROUD COLORS ARE THE  
25 WISDOM OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS, THE INDOMITABLE COURAGE OF OUR



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1 NATIONS FOUNDERS AND THE STRENGTH AND INTEGRITY OF OUR PEOPLE  
2 WHO HAVE CHERISHED FREEDOM BEYOND LIFE ITSELF. LET US THEN  
3 AMIDST THESE HISTORIC MATTERS AND REAFFIRM OUR FAITH IN OUR  
4 NATION AND OUR ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG. THIS, IN FACT, WAS  
5 SPONSORED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,  
6 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE LOS  
7 ANGELES COUNTY COUNCIL. GOING BACK TO 1973, YOUR LATE CHAIRMAN  
8 KENNETH HAHN DIRECTED FRANK ACKERMAN, CHIEF OF THE COUNTY  
9 GRAPHIC ARTS DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE A MEMORIAL IN 30 DAYS TO  
10 HONOR THE 231 COUNTY VETERANS WHO HAD SERVED IN VIETNAM. MAY  
11 4TH, 1973, OVER 3,000 PEOPLE INCLUDED SOME OF THE FIRST  
12 PRISONERS OF WAR TO COME HOME FROM VIETNAM, WITNESSED THE  
13 DEDICATION OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL, VIETNAM MEMORIAL. THE  
14 MEMORIAL IS LIFE SIZE HELMET APPEARING TO BE A SOLE REMNANT OF  
15 SOLDIERS RESTING ATOP A TOMBSTONE-LIKE PEDESTAL.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. GAY, DO YOU WANT TO START SUMMARIZING YOUR  
18 REMARKS?

19

20 **CARVEL GAY:** I WILL. I'M ALMOST DONE. TODAY WE SUPPORT THE  
21 TROOPS SERVING IN IRAQ, IN AFGHANISTAN AND ALL OF OUR  
22 VETERANS. THIS THEME IS PROMINENT IN PRESIDENT OBAMA'S  
23 SPEECHES AND AS IN THE HEARTS OF ALL AMERICANS. SO AGAIN I  
24 WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT OUR ORGANIZATION-- AND WE REPRESENT  
25 THIS COUNTY AS FAR AS THE VETERANS' FEELINGS AND THOUGHTS, WE



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1 WOULD ENCOURAGE THIS COMMITTEE COMING-- WE HAVE MONTHLY  
2 MEETINGS-- TO TALK ABOUT THE PLANS. AND WE CAN COORDINATE IT  
3 AND DO SOMETHING THAT HOPEFULLY WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THIS  
4 COUNTY, THE STATE AND OUR COUNTRY.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. GAY. MISS NGUYEN.

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8 **ANN NGUYEN:** GOOD MORNING. ANN NGUYEN WITH THE CENTRAL CITY  
9 ASSOCIATION. JUST A COUPLE QUICK COMMENTS. I'M VERY PLEASED TO  
10 BE HERE TO SUPPORT THE NEW SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR PACIFIC PARK  
11 PROJECT. THE DESIGN TEAM HAS REALLY LISTENED TO THE  
12 COMMUNITY'S CONCERNS AND IS PUTTING FORTH A GREAT DESIGN THAT  
13 APPROPRIATELY RESPONDS TO THOSE NEEDS AND CONCERNS. NEW  
14 PERFORMANCE LAWNS ARE CREATED TO BRING A SENSE OF LIFE AND  
15 COMMUNITY TO THE AREA. DOWNTOWN CURRENTLY LACKS USABLE GREEN  
16 SPACE AND GREEN SPACE WILL BE ADDED. TWO ACRES WILL BE ADDED  
17 BY THIS DESIGN, AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS WILL BE ADDED TO  
18 ACCOMMODATE THE GROWING POPULATION OF GRADE SCHOOL CHILDREN IN  
19 DOWNTOWN AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS. WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT  
20 THIS PLAN. AND WE COMMEND EVERYONE WHO'S PLAYED A PART IN THE  
21 NEW DESIGN AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT THE PROJECT AND HOPE  
22 THAT YOU ALL DO, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. MR. BROWN. AND COULD WE ALSO HAVE JOIN  
2   US AT THIS TIME PATRICIA BERMAN AND DAVID FARRAR TO COME JOIN  
3   US, PLEASE? MR. BROWN.

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5   **RUSSELL BROWN:** RUSSELL BROWN, I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
6   HISTORIC DOWNTOWN BUSINESS AND PERMIT DISTRICT AND ALSO  
7   PRESIDENT OF DOWNTOWN L.A. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. WE'RE VERY  
8   MUCH IN APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT. WE'VE ACTUALLY BEEN WORKING  
9   WITH THE DEVELOPERS FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. THEY'VE DONE ONE OF  
10  THE MOST EXHAUSTIVE OUTREACH PROGRAMS THAT THEY HAD. I  
11  LITERALLY GOT INVOLVED WHERE THEY LITERALLY HAD DONE MEETINGS  
12  IN BEVERLY HILLS IN THE WEST SIDE, IN THE VALLEY, OF HOW WOULD  
13  YOU DESIGN THE NORTHERN END OF DOWNTOWN AND WHAT WOULD IT LOOK  
14  LIKE TO INCLUDE EVERYBODY? IT WAS NOT A SECRET THAT WHEN THE  
15  PARK PROPOSAL CAME ABOUT A YEAR AGO, A LOT OF PEOPLE,  
16  INCLUDING MYSELF, WERE NOT VERY ENTHUSED ABOUT THE AESTHETICS  
17  OF THE PARK. THEY HAVE DONE AN AMAZING JOB OF LISTENING TO  
18  EVERYBODY IN THE COMMUNITY AND REDESIGNING THE PARK. AND WE  
19  ARE VERY, VERY ENTHUSED ABOUT THE NEW DESIGNS OF THE PARK. WE  
20  ALSO WOULD LOVE ZEV'S COMMENT ABOUT BEING ABLE TO EXPAND THAT  
21  FOOTPRINT TO WORK TOWARDS FRUITION. AND WE SEE THAT AS PART OF  
22  THE OVERALL PLAN DOWNTOWN. A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO OR A MONTH  
23  AGO, WE WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO SEE THE MODEL. AND WE WORKED  
24  WITH THEM TO ACTUALLY CREATE THREE DAYS' WORTH OF COMMUNITY  
25  PRESENTATIONS AND EXHIBITS IN OUR OFFICES AT THE HISTORIC



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1 DOWNTOWN BID. WE SHOWED THIS AT THE ART WALK. WE HAD A COUPLE  
2 OF THOUSAND PEOPLE COME THROUGH. UNIVERSALLY EVERYBODY IS SO  
3 INCREDIBLY ENTHUSED ABOUT THIS AND WHEN THEY SAW THIS IN THE  
4 FRONT PAGE OF THE L.A. TIMES THE VERY NEXT DAY, COULD COME  
5 DOWN AND SEE NOT ONLY THE MODELS, BUT WORK WITH THE ARCHITECTS  
6 FOR THREE DAYS, IT SHOWS HOW COMMUNITY INPUT CAN REALLY  
7 PRODUCE A MUCH, MUCH BETTER PROJECT. SO ONE LAST COMMENT. AND  
8 I UNDERSTAND MR. ANTONOVICH'S CONCERNS ABOUT THIS SORT OF  
9 TAKING A WHILE. DON'T HESITATE TO REMEMBER THAT DISNEY CONCERT  
10 HALL WAS ALMOST A 20-YEAR PROJECT. L.A. LIVE CONVENTION  
11 CENTER, STAPLES CENTER, THE MASTER PLAN WAS A 20-YEAR PROJECT.  
12 INDEED, EVEN ONE OF THE MOST RECOGNIZABLE BUILDINGS IN THE  
13 WHOLE WORLD THE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE WENT BANKRUPT AND STOPPED  
14 FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME AND THE ARCHITECT DIDN'T EVEN GO  
15 BACK. SO IT'S NOT UNCOMMON THAT LARGE PROJECTS TAKE A WHILE,  
16 JUST LIKE CITIES TAKE A WHILE. AND I'D FEEL VERY COMFORTABLE  
17 THAT WE'RE ON TRACK AND WE HAVE GREAT LEADERS. IF YOU'VE GONE  
18 TO THE GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM IN BILBAO, YOU CAN SEE HOW IT'S NOT  
19 ONLY TRANSFORMED A WHOLE CITY, BUT WHAT THE GRAND AVENUE  
20 PROJECT CAN DO FOR ALL OF DOWNTOWN OF CREATING AN ICONIC PLACE  
21 THAT WILL LINK OUR CIVIC INSTITUTIONS, THE NEW L.A.P.D.  
22 HEADQUARTERS, PUT THE CITY AND THE COUNTY AND THE CHURCH WITH  
23 ALL OF OUR CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS AND HAVE A GRAND GATHERING  
24 PLACE THAT WE'LL ALL BE VERY PROUD OF. THANKS.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR. MISS BERMAN?

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3    **PATRICIA BERMAN:** YES. MY NAME IS PATTI BERMAN, I AM THE VICE  
4    PRESIDENT FOR OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION FOR THE DOWNTOWN LOS  
5    ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. I'M ALSO THE BOARD CHAIR FOR  
6    PARKS RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE FOR THE COUNCIL. I'M ON THE  
7    BOARD, SECRETARY OF THE BOARD, OF PARK ADVISORY BOARD FOR  
8    PERSHING SQUARE AND I'M VERY MUCH INTO GREEN SPACE. FIRST OF  
9    ALL, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE PRESENTING THIS  
10   DESIGN TODAY HAVE BEEN LISTENING VERY CAREFULLY TO OUR  
11   COMMUNITY, TO OUR CONSTITUENCY. THEY PUT OUT, SOME MONTHS  
12   BACK, SOMETHING THAT WE DID NOT CARE FOR. WE TOLD THEM WHY. WE  
13   TOLD THEM WHAT WE WANTED. AND THEY CAME BACK TO US LAST MONTH  
14   WITH A DESIGN THAT INCORPORATED EVERYTHING WE HAD ASKED FOR  
15   AND EVERYTHING THAT THE PUBLIC HAD TALKED ABOUT. THEY'RE  
16   LISTENING. THEY WANT TO BE PART OF THIS COMMUNITY. I WAS PART  
17   OF THE GROUP THAT BROUGHT THE MODEL TO DOWNTOWN FOR THREE  
18   DAYS. I WAS THE ONE WHO STOOD THERE NEXT TO IT FOR THOSE THREE  
19   DAYS AND WATCHED PROBABLY 3,000 PEOPLE WALK BY, MAKE COMMENTS.  
20   THE DESIGN TEAM TOOK NOTES ON EVERY COMMENT THAT WAS MADE.  
21   THEY'RE INVOLVED IN THIS. THEY ARE DEDICATED TO THIS. IF THIS  
22   DESIGN IS NOT EVERYTHING WE ALWAYS WANTED, WELL I THINK ONE OF  
23   THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS ABOUT IT IS THAT THE DESIGN THEY'RE  
24   SHOWING US NOW IS ONE THAT IS POSSIBLE. IT IS ONE THAT IS  
25   CONTAINED WITHIN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT IS ALREADY IN



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1    ESCROW. WE COULD GET A DESIGN FROM THEM THAT WAS ABSOLUTELY  
2    OUTRAGEOUS, EVERYBODY LOVED IT AND IF WE COULD RAISE 1 BILLION  
3    MORE DOLLARS, THERE IT WOULD BE. BUT THEY HAVE BEEN VERY GOOD  
4    TO THE COMMUNITY IN SAYING THIS IS WHAT WE CAN GIVE YOU NOW.  
5    WE'LL TAKE YOUR IDEAS FOR OTHER THINGS, BUT WE CAN GIVE YOU  
6    THIS NOW. AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONSTITUENCY DOWNTOWN, I  
7    SAY THAT THEY HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB FOR US AND THAT WE  
8    DEFINITELY SHOULD APPROVE. THANK YOU.

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10    **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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12    **DAVID FARRAR:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIRMAN. MY NAME IS DAVID  
13    FARRAR, AND I'M EYE I HAVE BEEN A LOT OF THINGS IN MY LIFE AND  
14    I'VE APPEARED HERE A COUPLE OF TIMES IN SOME OF THOSE  
15    CAPACITIES, I THINK MOST FREQUENTLY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE  
16    COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND  
17    I WILL SAY IN THAT CAPACITY, I WAS CHAIRMAN WHEN THIS JOINT  
18    VENTURE AGREEMENT WAS ESTABLISHED. THE PEOPLE WERE APPOINTED  
19    TO IT. AND I ENTHUSIASTICALLY APPROVED THE PLAN. I THINK IT'S  
20    SO ESSENTIAL TO GIVE LIFE TO THIS IMPORTANT CIVIC SPACE. I'M  
21    ALSO HERE AT THIS TIME AT THE REQUEST OF A COUPLE OF VETERANS'  
22    ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH I AM AFFILIATED. AND I'M HERE AS A  
23    VETERAN. SOME OF YOU KNOW THAT I WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS AND  
24    STILL ON THE BOARD OF ONE OF HARRY PRAGERSON'S PROJECTS CALLED  
25    U.S. VETS, WHICH CURRENTLY PROVIDES HOUSING AND SERVICES TO



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1 WHAT WE NOW CALL FORMALLY HOMELESS VETERANS. AND WITH  
2 FACILITIES BOTH IN LONG BEACH AND IN INGLEWOOD. AS A VETERAN,  
3 I ONLY HAVE ONE SPECIFIC COMMENT TO WHAT I THINK IS THIS  
4 INCREDIBLY WONDERFUL PLAN. AND I'M DIRECTING MY COMMENTS  
5 SPECIFICALLY TO THE CONCERNS ADDRESSED BY SUPERVISOR  
6 ANTONOVICH WITH RESPECT TO THE EXISTING MEMORIALS, NOT ONLY TO  
7 VETERANS BUT TO ALL OF THE OTHER GROUPS TO WHOM IT WAS  
8 IMPORTANT TO HAVE THESE MEMORIALS ON THE CIVIC MALL. THE  
9 PARTICULAR THING WHICH CONCERNS ME AND BROUGHT ME TO THIS  
10 MEETING WAS A PROVISION WHICH SAYS F-2, AND IT'S WITH RESPECT  
11 TO THE FLAG PLAZA. DEMOLITION OF EXISTING FLAG PLAQUES AND  
12 RELOCATION OF EXISTING VETERANS MEMORIAL FLAGS TO COUNTY  
13 STORAGE FOR A FUTURE OFFSITE LOCATION IN COORDINATION WITH  
14 COUNTY C.E.O. OFFICE AND COUNTY COMMISSION REINSTALLATION  
15 COSTS NOT INCLUDED. NOW, I DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH THE  
16 WORD DEMOLITION. AND I DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH THE WORD  
17 RELOCATION. BUT I HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH THE WORD "TO  
18 COUNTY STORAGE." I, SINCE I'VE BEEN IN THE CITY FOR A LONG  
19 TIME, KNOW A LOT OF THINGS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY WITH GOOD  
20 INTENTION AND RELOCATED TO STORAGE SOMEWHERE AND NEVER COME  
21 BACK AND NOBODY EVER SEES THEM. QUITE FRANKLY, I THINK ON A  
22 HUMAN LEVEL, THAT HAPPENS TO OUR VETERANS ALL THE TIME. THEY  
23 COME BACK FROM THE WAR AND THEY ARE PUT SOMEWHERE IN STORAGE  
24 AND FORGOTTEN, NEVER TO BE HEARD AGAIN, OUT OF SIGHT AND OUT  
25 OF MIND. MY SINGLE RECOMMENDATION TO THIS BOARD WITH RESPECT



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1 TO THIS SPECIFIC ITEM IS THAT I RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD  
2 CONDITION TODAY'S APPROVAL OF A PLAN ON THE DEVELOPER'S  
3 AGREEMENT TO GET BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL FOR SITE-  
4 SPECIFIC RELOCATION OF ALL VETERANS' MEMORIALS, OTHER FLAGS,  
5 ET CETERA, PRIOR TO DEMOLITION OF THOSE PLAQUES AND FLAGS.  
6 THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I DON'T THINK THAT WOULD BE A  
9 PROBLEM TO INCLUDE.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE BEGINNING TO  
12 DISCUSS THE ISSUE INSTEAD OF NOW COMING UP.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. ANTONOVICH, JUST AS A CONNECTION, THIS HAS  
15 BEEN OVER A YEAR AND A HALF OF PUBLIC OUTREACH. THESE PROJECTS  
16 TRAVELED ALL OVER THE COUNTY, TO THE EAST SIDE OF L.A., THE  
17 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. WE HAD OUTREACH MEETINGS. THERE WAS  
18 NOTIFICATIONS THAT WERE GIVEN. GRANTED, I THINK THERE ARE A  
19 LOT OF ISSUES THAT CAN BE RAISED AT THIS POINT, BUT IT IS NOT  
20 TOO LATE. IT IS CERTAINLY NOT TOO LATE. CERTAINLY THERE ARE  
21 ISSUES LIKE THE AMENDMENT THAT IS BEING RECOMMENDED BY MR.  
22 FARRAR, SOMETHING THAT COULD BE INCLUDED. AND IT DOESN'T  
23 CREATE ANY DISRUPTION IN THE PROCESS. I THINK THAT OPPORTUNITY  
24 TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE PROPERLY RELOCATED AND NOT STORED IS  
25 A GOOD IDEA. AND I THINK THERE ARE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES, AS



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1 WELL. I AM HOPEFUL, I HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH  
2 THESE FOLKS ON A REGULAR BASIS. I, TOO, WAS ONE OF THOSE THAT  
3 WASN'T THAT HAPPY WITH THE ORIGINAL PROJECT AND MADE MY  
4 COMMENTS. AND THEY WERE VERY INCLUSIVE OF EVERY COMMENT. I  
5 WATCHED OTHER PEOPLE LOOK AT THESE MODELS AND WERE IMPRESSED  
6 THAT THE THINGS THAT THEY TALKED ABOUT WERE NOW INCLUDED. AND  
7 I THINK THAT THAT IS THE KIND OF RECEPTION THAT WE HAVE HAD.  
8 AND IT CONTINUES TO HAPPEN. I AM HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL CONTINUE  
9 TO DO THIS. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN A PROJECT THAT I  
10 THINK IS GOING TO HAVE A HUGE IMPACT, NOT ONLY IN DOWNTOWN LOS  
11 ANGELES BUT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WE WANT TO HAVE AN  
12 OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO COME HERE, TO CREATE A PEDESTRIAN  
13 ORIENTATION. IT IS A SHAME THAT THESE TWO BUILDINGS HAVE  
14 CREATED SUCH A SHADOW OVER THIS WONDERFUL CIVIC AREA THAT WE  
15 HAVE AND IT'S NOT OPENED UP. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN  
16 OPPORTUNITY AS EVENTUALLY WE'D WANT IT. IF WHEN THESE  
17 BUILDINGS HOPEFULLY GO AWAY AND RELOCATE TO ANOTHER LOCATION,  
18 THAT WE WOULD BE EXPANDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A MUCH  
19 LARGER CIVIC PARK, A PLACE FOR COMMUNITY TO COME TOGETHER AND  
20 TO HAVE EXPERIENCES TOGETHER AND A LOT OF SHARED ENJOYMENT. SO  
21 WE HAVE A PROJECT BEFORE US THAT HAS A VERY EXTENSIVE  
22 OUTREACH, HAS HAD AN AWFUL LOT OF INPUT. AND AS THEY COME TO  
23 VARIOUS CHANGES, AND I THINK THAT ONE OF THE MOST FORTUNATE  
24 ASPECTS, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE GREAT PARTNERSHIP WITH RELATED,  
25 IT'S VERY UNFORTUNATE THE ECONOMIC SITUATION WE'RE IN TODAY;



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1 BUT RIGHT NOW, ONE OF THE ARRANGEMENT THAT WAS MADE FROM DAY  
2 ONE UNDER THE J.P.A. IS THAT THEY WOULD MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO  
3 THE CIVIC PARK. THAT CONTRIBUTION WAS \$50 MILLION, WHICH WE  
4 RECEIVED. AND SINCE THAT HAVE RECEIVED OVER \$6 1/2 MILLION IN  
5 INTEREST, ALL OF IT GOING INTO THE PARK. WE HAVE AN  
6 OPPORTUNITY, AS QUICKLY AS WE APPROVED TODAY, APPROVED A  
7 COUPLE OF THE OTHER DESIGNS TO COME IN AND GET STARTED, GET  
8 ALL THE PERMITS THAT NEED TO BE PUT IN PLACE, THAT WE WILL BE  
9 ABLE TO START THIS PROJECT BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR IN A  
10 VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME ENJOY CIVIC PARK, A GREEN PARK AND  
11 ALL OF DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. BUT CERTAINLY WITH THAT  
12 AMENDMENT, AS PRESENTED, I'D LIKE TO INCLUDE THAT. SO WE HAVE  
13 THE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE, THAT WE HAVE THAT IN THERE SO THAT  
14 WE MAKE SURE. I THINK THAT WAS NOTED PROPERLY BY EVERYONE  
15 HERE. I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT ITEM FORWARD. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND  
16 SECONDED. WOULD YOU LIKE?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABSTAIN.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS ABSTAINING. MR. RIDLEY  
21 IS THERE. WITH THAT ABSTENTION AND OUR OTHER THREE VOTES, THAT  
22 ITEM IS PASSED. THANK YOU SO MUCH, ALL OF YOU, FOR JOINING US.  
23 AND MR. GAY, PLEASE TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY. MR. RIOS IS RIGHT  
24 BEHIND YOU. I'M SURE HE WOULD WELCOME YOUR INPUT AND VICE  
25 VERSA ON HOW WE COULD WORK TOGETHER ON THOSE ITEMS. THANK YOU



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1 SO MUCH. OH, YOU'RE COLLECTING CARDS. VERY GOOD. THANK YOU.  
2 ALL RIGHT. BEFORE I GO ON, WE DO HAVE-- IT'S NOW TIME WE CAN  
3 DO S-2, RIGHT? AS A SET ITEM? THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET  
4 COMMITTEE, IF THEY COULD COME UP AND JOIN US. MR. SACHS, WOULD  
5 YOU LIKE TO SPEAK BEFORE OR AFTER THE PRESENTATION? THANK YOU.

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7 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** OKAY, SUPERVISORS, THIS IS THE FISCAL  
8 OUTLOOK PRESENTATION. THIS IS AN UPDATE SINCE OUR LAST REPORT  
9 ON FEBRUARY 3RD, 2009. IT REFLECTS THE YEARS OF '08/'09  
10 THROUGH '12/'13. BUT WE'RE PAYING MOST ATTENTION IN TERMS OF  
11 THE COMMENTS TO THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR AND NEXT YEAR,  
12 REALLY THE NEXT 15 MONTHS, WHICH GETS US TO THE NEXT FEDERAL  
13 WAIVER. THE MAJOR CHANGES FROM THE PREVIOUS REPORT RELATE TO  
14 THREE THINGS. THEY HAVE TO DO WITH THE IMPACT OF THE FEDERAL  
15 STIMULUS PACKAGE ON THE F.M.A.P. AND THE DISH ALLOTMENT.  
16 THAT'S FUNDING OVER NINE QUARTERS, OVER THREE DIFFERENT FISCAL  
17 YEARS AND IS A BENEFIT OF \$194 MILLION OVER THOSE THREE FISCAL  
18 YEARS. THERE'S ALSO THE IMPACT OF THE STATE BUDGET TO THE  
19 SAFETY NET CARE POOL, TO THE SOUTH L.A. FUND AND OPTIONAL  
20 BENEFITS CUTS THAT ADD UP TO ABOUT \$30 MILLION TO THE  
21 NEGATIVE. AND IN THIS REPORT OR THIS OUTLOOK, WE HAVE, BASED  
22 UPON THE BOARD'S ACTION BEFORE, WE HAVE ADDED RANCHO BACK INTO  
23 THE BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR. OVERALL, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE  
24 F.M.A.P., WE HAVE SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT FOR THIS FISCAL  
25 YEAR, HAVING REDUCED THE PROJECTED DEFICIT FROM 67 MILLION



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1 DOWN TO 13 MILLION. AND WE HAVE SOME IMPROVEMENT FOR NEXT  
2 YEAR, BRINGING THE DEFICIT DOWN PROJECTED FROM A CUMULATIVE  
3 412 TO A CUMULATIVE 343. WE STILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT ROOM OR  
4 DISTANCE TO GO ON THAT AND I'LL BE HAPPY TO TAKE QUESTIONS.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? MR.  
7 ANTONOVICH?

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE QUESTIONS. LET ME ASK: DID THE  
10 DEPARTMENT REPORT-- OR THEY REPORTED IN YOUR ANALYSIS THAT THE  
11 REQUIREMENTS IN DEVELOPING PLANS FOR DRAWING DOWN ECONOMIC  
12 STIMULUS MONEYS FOR HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY? WHEN IS  
13 THIS GOING TO BE AVAILABLE TO OUR BOARD?

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15 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, WE WILL BE HAPPY TO GIVE YOU A  
16 REPORT ANY TIME. I THINK AS SOON AS WE GET MORE SPECIFICITY,  
17 BOTH FROM THE FEDS AND FROM THE STATE ABOUT HOW THOSE FUNDS  
18 WILL BE COMING FORTH, WE WILL GET YOU A DETAILED REPORT.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WILL THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ALSO  
21 BE ABLE TO BE RECIPIENT OF THOSE FUNDS?

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23 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, YES.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD THE COUNTY HOSPITALS QUALIFY FOR  
2    MEDICARE AND MEDICAID INCENTIVE PAYMENTS?

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4    **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** IF WE MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
5    ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD, YES.

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7    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** EXCUSE ME, SIR. IN TALKING TO NOT ONLY AMONGST  
8    OURSELVES BUT ALSO WITH PROVIDERS IN BOTH NONPROFIT AND FOR  
9    PROFIT HEALTHCARE WORLD, THE I.T. MONEY IS EXPECTED, AT LEAST  
10   SOME GUIDELINES ON I.T. MONEY, IS EXPECTED TO COME OUT LATER  
11   THIS YEAR AND PROBABLY WON'T BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE BEGINNING  
12   PART OF 2010. BUT WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT IT PRESENTS A  
13   TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY IF WE COULD-- IF WE'RE ABLE TO LINK OUR  
14   I.T. SYSTEMS NOT ONLY WITHIN D.H.S. BUT ALSO WITH A COMMUNITY  
15   AT LARGE, NOTHING WOULD HAVE A GREATER IMPACT ON THE PROVISION  
16   OF HEALTHCARE.

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18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** \$500 MILLION FROM THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN  
19   WILL BE USED TO ADDRESS HEALTH PROFESSION WORKFORCE SHORTAGES.  
20   WOULD THE COUNTY BE ABLE TO UTILIZE FUNDS FOR OUR WORKFORCE  
21   DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AS AN OFFSET TO THE \$2.5 MILLION TOBACCO  
22   SETTLEMENT FUNDS THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY COMMITTED THIS FISCAL  
23   YEAR TO BACKFILL THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS?

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1   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, WE'RE DEFINITELY LOOKING AT  
2   THAT FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR. I DOUBT THAT THE FUNDS WILL BE  
3   AVAILABLE TO OFFSET THE FUNDING IN THIS FISCAL YEAR.

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5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW ARE THE DISCRETIONARY PROGRAM FUNDS  
6   FROM THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS BEING AWARDED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS?  
7   AND HAS THE C.E.O. ANALYZED HOW THOSE FUNDS COULD BE  
8   LEVERAGED?

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10   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, RELATIVE TO HEALTH, MOST.  
11   FUNDING THAT WE SEE SO FAR IS EITHER BY FORMULA OR BY SUCH AS  
12   THE HEALTH I.T. FUNDS, FUNDS THAT WILL COME DOWN AS A  
13   SUPPLEMENT TO FUNDING. WE CONTINUE TO LOOK AT THE  
14   DISCRETIONARY FUNDING, AS WELL.

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16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WITH YOUR REGULAR, ONGOING PLANNING  
17   ACTIVE ACTIVITIES THAT AFFECT OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE  
18   DEPARTMENT, DO ANY OF THESE CONTAIN POTENTIAL COST  
19   IMPLICATIONS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE FISCAL  
20   OUTLOOK?

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22   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** YES, SUPERVISOR. AND WE WILL BE COMING  
23   BACK TO YOU WITH THOSE. OF PARTICULAR NOTE IS BOTH THE COST  
24   AND THE POTENTIAL REVENUE FOR THE HEALTH I.T.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION THAT TODAY'S  
2    DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FISCAL OUTLOOK INDICATES  
3    ESTIMATED SHORTFALLS OF \$13.8 MILLION IN FISCAL YEAR  
4    2008/2009, \$343.8 MILLION IN FISCAL YEARS 2009/2010 GOING TO  
5    APPROXIMATELY \$1.7 BILLION IN FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013. ALTHOUGH  
6    THE FORECAST HAS IMPROVED SINCE THE DEPARTMENT'S LAST REPORT  
7    DUE TO AN INCREASE IN THE FEDERAL FUNDS THAT WOULD FLOW TO OUR  
8    COUNTY AS A RESULT OF THE STIMULUS PACKAGE, THE REPORT  
9    CAUTIONS THAT THERE MAY BE FURTHER MEDI-CAL PROGRAM REDUCTIONS  
10   OR OTHER UNANTICIPATED CUTS INCLUDED IN THE GOVERNOR'S MAY  
11   REVISE, AS WELL AS FURTHER REDUCTIONS DUE TO THE DECLINE IN  
12   SALES TAX AND DECLINE IN VEHICLE LICENSE FEES. WHILE THE  
13   DEPARTMENT STATES IT WILL WORK WITH OUR STATE WITH A NEW  
14   WAIVER THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED IN THE FALL, IT IS CRITICAL THAT  
15   THE BOARD KNOW THE WAIVER PROPOSAL BEING DRAFTED RECONCILES  
16   WITH THE FORECAST THAT IS BEING PRESENTED TODAY AND THE  
17   REVENUE AND SAVINGS ACTIVITIES ARE PRESENTLY UNDERWAY. SO I  
18   WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK IN  
19   30 DAYS ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE WAIVER PROPOSAL, HOW IT WILL  
20   RECONCILE WITH THE CURRENT ACTIVITIES DISCUSSED IN THE  
21   DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FISCAL OUTLOOK AS WELL AS  
22   IDENTIFY ANY ITEMS THAT MAY HAVE A POTENTIAL COST THAT HAVE  
23   NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED. SO THAT WOULD BE THE MOTION.  
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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION? ALL RIGHT.  
2    THIS IS A REPORT BACK. LET ME JUST SAY THAT I CAN'T REMEMBER  
3    IF IT WAS "60 MINUTES" OR "DATELINE" THAT I WATCHED THIS  
4    WEEKEND THAT TALKED ABOUT THE CUTBACKS OF SOME OF THE COUNTY  
5    HOSPITALS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, PARTICULARLY IN LAS VEGAS,  
6    WHERE THEY'RE ACTUALLY ELIMINATING SERVICES EVERY SINGLE DAY.  
7    AND AT A TIME WHEN PEOPLE ARE LOSING THEIR JOBS AND LOSING  
8    THEIR HEALTHCARE COVERAGE, FINDING MORE AND MORE PEOPLE HAVING  
9    TO RESORT TO OUR COUNTY FACILITIES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN ANY KIND  
10   OF CARE WHATSOEVER. I KNOW THAT OUR BUDGET ISN'T THE BEST AS  
11   POSSIBLE, BUT AT LEAST WE'RE HOLDING ON AT THIS POINT IN TIME.  
12   HOPEFULLY AS THE STATE GOES THROUGH ITS PROCESS, IT DOESN'T  
13   FIND ANOTHER WAY TO CUT A LITTLE BIT MORE FROM HERE. THESE ARE  
14   SUCH ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND A SAFETY NET IS SO IMPORTANT TO  
15   PRESERVE THAT I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS IN KEEPING US ABREAST  
16   OF ALL OF THE DETAILS OF THE DAY-TO-DAY EXPENDITURES AND  
17   WHAT'S GOING ON AND IT'S EVER CHANGING AND PROBABLY WILL  
18   CHANGE A LITTLE BIT MORE IN THE WEEKS AND THE MONTHS TO COME.  
19   BUT THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT AMENDMENT, OR WITH  
20   THAT MOTION, WITH THE REPORT BACK, THERE'S NO OBJECTION? I'M  
21   SORRY? OH, THAT'S RIGHT. MR. SACHS WANTED TO ADDRESS US. OH,  
22   HE CHANGED HIS MIND. I HOPE IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU. NO?  
23   THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT. THEN THAT ITEM-- ALL RIGHT. IT  
24   IS NOW NOONTIME. AND I THINK WE HAD ANOTHER SET ITEM IF I  
25   REMEMBER CORRECTLY FOR S-3.



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** S-3. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS IS PART OF AN  
3 ONGOING AGENDA ITEM THAT DEALS WITH THE STATE BUDGET AND ANY  
4 PROPOSALS TO DEFER DELAYED PAYMENTS TO THE COUNTY. AS I STATED  
5 LAST WEEK, THE STATE IS CURRENTLY CURRENT. I THINK THAT'S  
6 REDUNDANT. IS CURRENT IN THEIR PAYMENTS TO THE COUNTY.  
7 HOWEVER, WHAT I DO NEED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT THE DESPITE THE FACT  
8 THAT THE STATE APPROVED A BUDGET THAT IDENTIFIED \$42 BILLION  
9 IN WHAT WE CHARACTERIZE AS SOLUTIONS, OR ANOTHER WORD FOR A  
10 DEFICIT AT THE STATE LEVEL, THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST OFFICE OF  
11 THE STATE REPORTED THAT SINCE THE APPROVAL OF THE STATE  
12 BUDGET, A REVENUE SHORTFALL OF APPROXIMATELY \$8 BILLION HAS  
13 BEEN IDENTIFIED. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT IF THE SPECIAL  
14 ELECTION ON MAY 19TH DOES NOT RESULT IN PASSAGES OF THE THREE  
15 BALLOT MEASURES, THE STATE WILL HAVE ANOTHER \$5.8 BILLION IN  
16 PROBLEMS, WHICH COULD MEAN A POTENTIAL 13 TO AS HIGH AS \$14  
17 BILLION SHORTFALL THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED BEFORE THE  
18 START OF NEXT FISCAL YEAR. WE KNOW THAT A REFERENCE WAS MADE  
19 TO THE MAY REVISE AND WHAT THAT NORMALLY BRINGS AS PART OF THE  
20 BUDGET PROCESS, THESE ARE NOT NORMAL TIMES. WE THINK THE MAY  
21 REVISE WILL COME OUT WITH ANOTHER SET OF SIGNIFICANT CUTS FROM  
22 THE STATE THAT COULD IMPACT A NUMBER OF OUR PROGRAMS. AS  
23 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH STATED, AS HE EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN, WE  
24 COULD HAVE FURTHER CUTS IN OUR MEDI-CAL PROGRAM, IN OTHER  
25 HEALTH AND IN SOCIAL PROGRAMS. THE ONE THING THAT WE'RE DOING



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1 AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR BUDGET PROCESS, WE'RE GOING TO  
2 HIGHLIGHT THE FACT THAT IN WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED TO YOU AND  
3 RELEASED LATER THIS MONTH WOULD ESSENTIALLY ALLOW US TO  
4 MAINTAIN OUR CORE SERVICES BUT YET STILL RESULT IN SOME FAIRLY  
5 SIGNIFICANT CUTS FOR OUR COUNTY-FUNDED PROGRAMS. WE HAVE A  
6 STATE PROBLEM WITH RESPECT TO THE CURTAILMENTS THAT ARE  
7 HAPPENING AT NOT ONLY THE STATE BUT THEN THE FEDERAL LEVEL. WE  
8 ALL NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT OUR OWN LOCAL REVENUES ARE COMING  
9 IN MUCH LOWER THAN WHAT'S PROJECTED. SO AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO  
10 NOT ONLY FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR, BUT AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE  
11 BUDGET FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR, THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME VERY  
12 DIFFICULT DECISIONS. AND WITH THAT, POLICY ISSUES BEFORE YOU.  
13 DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ON THIS ITEM?  
16 OKAY. THANK YOU FOR THAT UPDATE. LET ME SEE. WHAT ELSE DO WE  
17 HAVE? WHAT OTHER ITEMS ARE PENDING?

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 10 AND 18.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** 18?

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES. AND 10.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THOUGHT WE HAD DONE THAT ONE ALREADY. OH, DR.  
2 CLAVREUL? ON ITEM NO. 18, THIS ITEM IS CONTINUED AFTER THE  
3 SPEAKER, IS THAT CORRECT?

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** DR. CLAVREUL? OKAY. YOU ALSO HELD ITEM NO. 10.  
8 BUT WHY DON'T WE BEGIN WITH 18?

9

10 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
11 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 18, I KNOW IT HAS BEEN SENT  
12 DOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT, BUT IT IS KIND OF THE WAY IT IS  
13 WRITTEN IS KIND OF AMAZING BECAUSE THE COUNTY IS WILLING TO  
14 OFFER, GUARANTEES LEASE AND SUBLEASE OF HARBOR-U.C.L.A. FOR  
15 31,357 SQUARE FOOT. THEN THE COUNTY WILL LEASE BACK 5,900  
16 SQUARE FOOT. WHY DON'T YOU GIVE LESS UP FRONT AND DON'T HAVE  
17 TO SUBLEASE FROM THEM AGAIN? DON'T MAKE ANY SENSE TO ME. I  
18 JUST WONDER IF IT WAS SENT BACK, BUT CERTAINLY DON'T MAKE ANY  
19 GOOD COMMON SENSE WHEN IT COMES TO CONTRACTS. AND THAT'S ALL I  
20 HAVE TO SAY ON THIS ONE.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. DO YOU ALSO WANT TO ADDRESS--?

23

24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** ON ITEM 10.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU STARTED WITH ITEM 18? ITEM 10, THEN.

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3    **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** ON ITEM 10, I APPRECIATE WHAT  
4    SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WANTS TO DO, BUT I THINK INSTEAD TO  
5    LIMIT IT TO THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY, THAT KIND OF  
6    RESEARCH PROGRAM, CAN YOU BE QUIET A MINUTE? IT WOULD BE NICE  
7    IF YOU LISTENED TO THE PUBLIC. IT WOULD BE TOTALLY  
8    APPROPRIATE. THANK YOU. I THINK TO LIMIT IT TO SOUTH LOS  
9    ANGELES IS KIND OF USELESS BECAUSE THAT KIND OF I.T. PROGRAM  
10   WILL BENEFIT OUR COUNTY AND DEFINITELY SHOULD BE FOR OUR  
11   COUNTY. IN A STIMULUS PACKAGE, THERE IS \$36 BILLION ARE  
12   LOCATED TO I.T., ESPECIALLY VIS-A-VIS HEALTHCARE. AND I THINK  
13   SINCE WE ARE THE BIGGEST COUNTY IN THE NATION, WE SHOULD  
14   REALLY PUT TOGETHER A VERY WELL-THOUGHT OUT PLAN SO WE CAN GET  
15   QUITE OF MONEY FROM THE STIMULUS. THERE IS A LOT OF RESEARCH  
16   ON A NATIONAL LEVEL AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL ON INFORMATION  
17   TECHNOLOGY. AND RIGHT NOW, IN THE COUNTY, WE HAVE MULTI-  
18   MILLION DOLLARS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WHICH IS NOT  
19   CONNECTED WITH EACH OTHER. THEY DON'T TALK TO EACH OTHER. THE  
20   HOSPITALS DON'T TALK TO EACH OTHER. SERVICES DON'T TALK BEING  
21   TO EACH OTHER. AND I STILL HAVE NEVER RECEIVED THE INFORMATION  
22   I REQUESTED A LONG, LONG TIME AGO ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.  
23   BUT I THINK WE SHOULD NOT DO IT JUST FOR SOUTH LOS ANGELES. I  
24   THINK IT IS A NECESSITY FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY. AND I WILL URGE  
25   THAT MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS PUT IT TO THE ENTIRE COUNTY. THANK YOU



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1 SO MUCH. I HAVE ALSO FOR YOUR ATTENTION TWO ARTICLES HAVING TO  
2 DO, "DOES THE UNION REALLY BEST SERVE NURSES' INTEREST?" I  
3 THINK NOT. IT WAS PUBLISHED IN MISSOURI. ANOTHER ONE,  
4 ESPECIALLY DEALING WITH THE S.E.I.U., "UNIONS SHOULD FIRST FIX  
5 THEMSELVES INSTEAD OF TRYING TO UNIONIZE OTHER PEOPLE." THANK  
6 YOU.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. ON ITEM NO. 18, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
9 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SO ORDERED  
10 ON THAT ITEM.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, ON 18, THAT ITEM WAS  
13 CONTINUED.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I APOLOGIZE. THAT ITEM HAS BEEN CONTINUED ONE  
20 WEEK. YOU ALSO HELD ITEM NO. 10? CORRECT? ALL RIGHT.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. WITH  
23 YOUR PERMISSION, AS YOU DEEM IT APPROPRIATE, I'LL DO  
24 ADJOURNMENTS IN MEMORY, IS THAT IN ORDER? OR WHAT IS YOUR



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1 PLEASURE? 10 OR THESE ADJOURNMENTS THIS WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE,  
2 MADAME CHAIR?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET'S DO ITEM 10 SINCE SHE SPOKE ON THAT ITEM AND  
5 WE CAN GET IT OUT OF THE WAY.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OKAY. I'LL BE GLAD TO ADDRESS THAT. YOU  
8 MAY RECALL AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING, WE DID TAKE UP THE MATTER  
9 OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. I'M PLEASED TO INDICATE THAT  
10 PURSUANT TO THE READING OF LAST WEEK, OFFICERS DID LOOK AT THE  
11 ITEM WITH A LOT OF ATTENTION AND THEREFORE, RATHER THAN  
12 FOCUSING EXCLUSIVELY ON SOUTH LOS ANGELES, THERE IS A  
13 SENTIMENT TO EXPAND IT BEYOND THAT. WITH THAT IN MIND, MADAME  
14 CHAIR, MAY I THEN SAY THE AMENDING LANGUAGE WOULD, BASED ON  
15 CORPORATE INPUT, DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND THE CHIEF INFORMATION  
16 OFFICER, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND OTHER  
17 APPROPRIATE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY  
18 ASSESSMENT CREATING A COUNTY-WIDE HEALTH INFORMATION  
19 TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT. THIS PROJECT SHOULD ALLOW A  
20 COST-EFFECTIVE AND ELECTRONIC SECURE EXCHANGE OF PATIENT  
21 MEDICAL RECORDS AMONG RELEVANT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HEALTH  
22 PROVIDERS. THIS COULD BE WHAT WE WOULD HOPE AN EXCEPTIONAL  
23 ADVANCE IN THE WAY IN WHICH WE DO BUSINESS AND PROVIDE  
24 HEALTHCARE TO THE PERSON SEEKING SUCH IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
25 ANGELES. MADAME CHAIR, MAY I INDICATE THAT IN ADDITION TO



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1 THAT, THIS COULD GO A LONG WAY WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUE OF  
2 HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES. THIS COULD BE LARGE. THEN WE WISH TO  
3 DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO CREATE A TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP ADD  
4 INCLUDES KEY PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PARTNERS SUCH AS BUT NOT  
5 LIMITED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THE  
6 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES, CAL TECH, LOYOLA  
7 MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY, CLAREMONT-MCKENNA, AZUSA-PACIFIC  
8 UNIVERSITIES AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM, FOR EXAMPLE, LONG BEACH  
9 NETWORK FOR HEALTH, PERFORMAGENCE CORPORATION, NATIONAL  
10 INTEGRATED HEALTH NETWORK COALITION AND THE L.A. THESE ARE A  
11 NUMBER OF ENTITIES THAT WE KNOW ARE INTERESTED IN THIS AREA OF  
12 WORK AND COULD POTENTIALLY ADD VALUE PURSUANT TO THE C.E.O.'S  
13 POPULATING THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP. FINALLY, MADAME CHAIR  
14 AND MEMBERS, DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN  
15 60 DAYS WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED H.I.T. INITIATIVES,  
16 COST ESTIMATE PROPOSED, TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS,  
17 PROPOSED SOURCE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDS, INCLUDING THOSE  
18 ECONOMIC STIMULUS RESOURCES AND IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE. THOSE  
19 ARE THE AMENDMENTS. AND I ONCE AGAIN WISH TO SAY THAT FOR THIS  
20 TO HAVE COUNTY-WIDE IMPLICATIONS BUILDS ON WHAT WE BROUGHT  
21 FORWARD LAST WEEK. IT SEEMS TO ME THIS IS A WORTHWHILE  
22 DIRECTION IN WHICH WE'RE HEADED. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.  
23  
24 **SUP. MOLINA:** VERY GOOD. THAT ITEM IS MOVED. I THINK WE ALL  
25 HAVE THE AMENDMENT ON OUR DESK. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-



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1 THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO  
2 OBJECTION--

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE ONE.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** A QUESTION?

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT AN OBJECTION, JUST A CLARIFICATION.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST NEED ONE THING THAT I WANT TO-- ON  
13 THE ISSUE OF A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, IF I COULD JUST  
14 ASK MR. KALUNIAN AND NOT KALUNIAN, NOT KOLOUNIAN. MR KALUNIAN--  
15 - THERE ARE A NUMBER OF GENERIC, LET ME JUST BE GENERIC. IF  
16 SOMEONE ON THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH IS  
17 PRESUMABLY DESIGNED TO ADVISE THE COUNTY STAFF IN THE  
18 DEVELOPMENT OF THIS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MODEL, LATER SEEKS  
19 TO BID OR ENTER INTO PROCUREMENT WITH THE COUNTY FOR THIS  
20 SAME, FOR THE OUTCOME OF THIS STUDY PROCESS, WOULD THEY BE--  
21 IF THEY WANT TO, WOULD THEY BE PRECLUDED FROM DOING SO BECAUSE  
22 THEY WERE PART OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE? IS THERE A CONFLICT  
23 OF INTEREST THERE?

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1   **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** I THINK IT WOULD DEPEND ON THEIR  
2   ACTUAL INVOLVEMENT IN WHAT TYPE-- IF THEY WERE TO, IN OTHER  
3   WORDS, SET THE REQUIREMENTS, THERE OBVIOUSLY WOULD BE A  
4   CONFLICT. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF MERELY GENERAL ADVICE IT MAY  
5   OR MAY NOT BE.

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7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IF THEY ARE PRIVY TO INFORMATION THAT  
8   IS DEVELOPED BY OTHERS, INCLUDING THE COUNTY STAFF AND OTHER  
9   TECHNICAL EXPERTS THAT GIVES THEM A HEADS UP OVER OTHERS WHO  
10   MAY COMPETE WITH THEM.

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12   **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE AN ISSUE AND A  
13   CONCERN. IF IN FACT THAT WERE A CASE, THAT WOULD BE A CONCERN.  
14   OBVIOUSLY THERE WOULD BE A CONFLICT. IF THEY'RE PRIVY TO  
15   INFORMATION THAT OTHER INDIVIDUALS WOULD NOT BE IN THE PUBLIC  
16   THAT WOULD BE BIDDING AGAINST THEM.

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18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA, IF  
19   NOT ONLY FOR LEGAL REASONS BUT FOR APPEARANCE REASONS THAT  
20   IT'S CLEAR-- I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY OBJECTION TO  
21   THIS-- THAT ANYBODY THAT'S ON THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP  
22   UNDERSTAND WHAT THE-- WELL, THAT THERE WOULD BE-- I GUESS TO  
23   CHOOSE BETWEEN THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP OR WHETHER YOU'RE  
24   GOING TO COMPETE FOR COUNTY BUSINESS DOWN THE LINE. HOW YOU  
25   WOULD ELEGANTLY SAY THAT, I DIDN'T SAY IT AS ELEGANTLY AS I'D



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1    LIKE. BUT I THINK IT'S A PROBLEM. BECAUSE WE KNOW OF AT LEAST  
2    ONE GROUP HERE THAT IS NAMED THAT WE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH IN  
3    THE PAST, THE COUNTY HAD, AND ANOTHER ONE THAT I GOOGLED THAT  
4    IS IN THE SAME KIND OF BUSINESS, AT LEAST ACCORDING TO THEIR  
5    WEBSITE. AND I DON'T KNOW THE OTHERS. I DON'T KNOW SOME OF THE  
6    OTHERS. AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT OTHER INTERESTS THAT THE  
7    UNIVERSITIES MIGHT HAVE. SO I JUST THINK THIS IS SOMETHING  
8    THAT WE NEED TO DRAW THE LINE FROM THE OUTSET AND NOT HAVE  
9    THAT KIND OF-- AND NOT HAVE SOMEBODY WITH A POTENTIAL  
10    FINANCIAL INTEREST DRIVING OR HELPING TO DRIVE OUR AGENDA OR  
11    BENEFITING FROM THEIR ACCESS TO INFORMATION. YOU WANT TO  
12    COMMENT?

13

14    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN AND THE FACT THAT AS  
15    I MENTIONED EARLIER THERE'S A HIGH POTENTIAL AS WE MOVE  
16    FORWARD WITH ANY I.T. INITIATIVE, D.H.S. WILL BE ACCESSING  
17    FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY, SO WE'LL ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY'S  
18    POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND WITH THAT ANY NECESSARY SAFEGUARDS  
19    ARE PUT-- ARE CLEARLY DELINEATED TO ANYBODY THAT PARTICIPATES  
20    IN THIS.

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22    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR?

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24    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** EVEN TO THE POINT WHEN I SAY DELINEATED, I  
25    DON'T MEAN JUST VERBALLY. WE'LL MAKE SURE THAT FOLKS TAKE THE



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1 NECESSARY STEPS TO, BOTH AS WE MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND AND THEY  
2 ACCEPT THE TERMS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION ON THIS ADVISORY  
3 COMMITTEE.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CONSISTENT WITH THE COMMENTS THAT THE COUNTY  
6 COUNSEL?

7

8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** CONSISTENT WITH OUR COUNTY POLICY AND WHAT OUR  
9 ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL JUST SAID.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR?

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MAY I UNDERScore THE LANGUAGE IN THE  
16 MOTION THAT IS SPECIFICALLY CALLED A TECHNICAL ADVISORY  
17 COMMITTEE. AND TO COUNTY COUNSEL, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME ACCESS  
18 TO INFORMATION THAT WOULD ADVANTAGE OR DISADVANTAGE ANYONE  
19 WOULD BE PRECLUDED BY VIRTUE OF IT BEING ADVISORY RATHER THAN  
20 ANY ENTITY THAT WOULD HAVE AUTHORITY AS IT RELATES TO THE  
21 SELECTION OF A POTENTIAL VENDOR OR ANYTHING OF THE LIKE. WHAT  
22 I WOULD HOPE TO BE INTERPRETED PURSUANT TO THE SUGGESTION HERE  
23 IS TO MAXIMIZE THE INPUT THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO US AND TO  
24 THE C.E.O. SPECIFICALLY FROM A RANGE OF ENTITIES. AND TO, A  
25 PRIORI, PRECLUDE ANY SUCH INPUT AT AN ADVISORY LEVEL, NOT AT A



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1 DECISION MAKING LEVEL, NOT AT A LEVEL OF SELECTING OR DEFINING  
2 WHAT AN R.F.P., AN R.F.Q., AN R.F.I., WOULD BE, IT SEEMS TO ME  
3 THAT'S THE THRUST OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ENGENDER HERE. AND  
4 I WOULD THINK THAT ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OUGHT TO BE  
5 APPROPRIATELY HANDLED. BUT ONCE HAVING REPORTED BACK TO THE  
6 BOARD IN 60 DAYS AS TO HOW THIS IS TAKING SHAPE SOME OF THESE  
7 MATTERS WOULD EFFECTIVELY BE HANDLED. LET ME UNDERScore  
8 ADVISORY. TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, MADAME CHAIR,  
9 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I WOULD HOPE THAT THE SPIRIT OF THE  
10 MOTION AND THE AMENDMENTS AND THE DELINEATION OF THE RANGE OF  
11 GROUPS, BOTH PUBLIC SECTOR, PRIVATE SECTOR, FOR PROFIT,  
12 NONPROFIT WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY TO BUILD A BIG TENT FOR THE  
13 PURPOSES OF GIVING INPUT AND DRIVING THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF  
14 HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NETWORKED THAT MIGHT BE DESIGNED  
15 DESIGNED.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, SIR.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIRST OF ALL, I DON'T BELIEVE THERE WILL BE  
20 ANY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THE NEXT 60 DAYS. AS I  
21 UNDERSTAND THE MOTION, YOU'RE GOING TO COME BACK AND REPORT ON  
22 THAT. UNLESS THAT WAS TAKEN OUT OF THIS AMENDMENT, I DON'T  
23 KNOW. SO YOU WERE GOING TO REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS ON THE  
24 ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ISN'T THAT WHAT YOUR MOTION CALLS FOR? SO



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1   THERE IS GOING TO BE NO ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THE NEXT 60  
2   DAYS.

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4   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT SPEAKS TO PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP OF THAT  
5   COMMITTEE.

6

7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PROPOSED. THEN IT WAS CHANGED FROM THE  
8   EARLIER VERSION. I APOLOGIZE. BUT THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT  
9   CHANGED, A LOT HAS CHANGED. LET ME JUST READ THIS PARAGRAPH,  
10   I'M SORRY. IT SAYS DIRECT-- NUMBER 3 DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO  
11   REPORT BACK TO OUR BOARD IN 60 DAYS WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE  
12   PROPOSED H.I.T. INITIATIVE, COST ESTIMATE, PROPOSED TECHNICAL  
13   ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS. SO I WAS CORRECT. YOU'RE GOING TO  
14   REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS ON A PROPOSED GROUP OF TECHNICAL  
15   ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS, WHICH I INFER PRIOR TO THAT THERE  
16   WOULD BE NO TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP. YOU WOULD REPORT TO US  
17   WHO THOSE MEMBERS WOULD BE. SO I THINK WE'RE CLEAR ON THAT. I  
18   DON'T WANT TO HAVE A DEBATE ABOUT THIS NOW. I'M PERFECTLY  
19   HAPPY TO, BUT IN THE INTEREST OF TIME THERE IS NO NEED TO. I  
20   DON'T MAKE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN ADVISORY AND AUTHORITY.  
21   PEOPLE WHO ARE IN AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROLE HAVE CERTAIN  
22   ACCESS THAT OTHERS DO NOT: ACCESS TO PEOPLE, ACCESS TO  
23   INFORMATION, ACCESS TO DISCUSSION. AND MY I WOULD JUST BE VERY  
24   CAUTIOUS, KNOWING-- I WON'T GET INTO THIS NOW. MR. FUJIOKA,  
25   YOU ARE WELL AWARE OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH WE HAD DISCUSSIONS



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1 ABOUT A YEAR AGO ON THIS VERY SUBJECT WITH ONE INDIVIDUAL. AND  
2 THIS TRACKS WITH EXACTLY THE SAME KINDS OF STUFF HE WAS DOING  
3 DOING. I HAVE NO PROBLEM GETTING INFORMATION, PICKING  
4 ANYBODY'S BRAIN FOR INFORMATION, THAT WOULD HELP US. WHAT I  
5 DON'T WANT IS SOMEBODY WHO IS PICKING OUR BRAIN AND THEN  
6 BENEFITING FROM IT FROM A SUBSEQUENT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT.  
7 IT MAY BE WORTHWHILE, MR. KALUNIAN TO HAVE YOUR SPECIALISTS IN  
8 THE OFFICE TAKE A LOOK AT THE ISSUE GENERICALLY BECAUSE THERE  
9 IS NO PROTOCOL HERE AS TO HOW THIS TECHNICAL ADVISORY  
10 COMMITTEE IS GOING TO WORK. THERE IS NO PROTOCOL AS TO WHO IS  
11 GOING TO BE TALKING TO WHOM AND WHETHER IT'S SUBJECT TO THE  
12 BROWN ACT, WHETHER THERE IS GOING TO BE NO MEETINGS OF THE  
13 TECHNICAL ADVISORY ARE GOING TO BE PUBLIC, WHETHER MEMBERS OF  
14 THE PUBLIC CAN WATCH THE DELIBERATIONS AND ALL THAT SORT OF  
15 THING. AND I'M NOT SUGGESTING THAT WE DO. BUT I THINK THAT THE  
16 IDEA OF A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS EXCELLENT. THE IDEA  
17 OF HAVING SOMEBODY SERVE ON A COMMITTEE THAT BENEFITS FROM IT  
18 AND THEN CAN HAVE A LEG UP, NOT A HEADS UP, BUT A LEG UP IN A  
19 PROCUREMENT COMPETITION IS ANOTHER STORY. AND I DON'T MAKE THE  
20 DISTINCTION BETWEEN ADVISORY AND NOT ADVISORY IN THAT REGARD.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, IF I MAY.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?



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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE EXTENT OF WHAT I WOULD SAY IN  
2   CONNECTION WITH THAT, IF THERE'S SOMEONE ON THE LIST THAT WE  
3   SHOULD BE WARY ABOUT, IT'S A LIST THAT CAME FROM SEVERAL  
4   OFFICES AND NOT THE LEAST OF WHOM WOULD BE MY OWN. IF YOU KNOW  
5   SOMETHING, MR. YAROSLAVSKY, THAT I SHOULD BE AWARE OF, I'D BE  
6   APPRECIATIVE OF BEING ABLE TO KNOW THAT. SECONDLY, I ASSUME  
7   THAT THE C.E.O. WOULD KNOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD IN TERMS OF  
8   THE PARAMETERS AND THE CONTOURS OF CONFLICTS. AND SO THE  
9   THRUST OF THIS MOTION IS ESSENTIALLY TO DIRECT AND/OR TO  
10   INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. TO COME BACK TO US WITH THE APPROPRIATE  
11   RECOMMENDATIONS NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF COMPOSITION BUT  
12   IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEDULE AND THE LIKE. I HAVE CONFIDENCE  
13   AND A HIGH LEVEL OF TRUST THAT THE C.E.O. IS CAPABLE OF DOING  
14   THAT AND THEREFORE THE MOTION IS PRESENTED AS YOU HAVE IT AND  
15   IT HAS BEEN AMENDED.

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17   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO WITH THOSE CLARIFICATIONS AS  
18   REVISED, IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION.

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20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR. WE HEARD WHAT THE  
21   C.E.O. SAID. I'M GOING BY WHAT YOU SAID. YOU'RE GOING TO  
22   CONSULT WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL. YOU WILL APPROPRIATELY  
23   COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SERVE ABOUT WHERE THE  
24   LINES ARE DRAWN. I DON'T NEED TO REPEAT IT.



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1   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE WILL DO THAT. GIVEN THE FACT THAT NOT ONLY  
2   WILL WE BE USING COUNTY FUNDS, EXCUSE ME. WE WILL BE USING  
3   FEDERAL FUNDS, WE'LL BE USING FEDERAL FUNDS, THERE IS THE  
4   POSSIBILITY OF USING SOME DEGREE OF STATE FUNDS. THE  
5   TRANSPARENCY AND THE NEED TO COMPLY WITH ALL STATUTES, WHETHER  
6   IT'S AT THE FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LEVEL AS IT RELATES TO  
7   CONFLICTS IS AN ABSOLUTE. SO WE WILL ENSURE THAT HAPPENS.

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9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SEPARATE AND APART FROM THIS ONE ISSUE, IN  
10   TERMS OF THE OTHER WORK THAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING ON THE  
11   DEVELOPMENT OF THE H.I.T., I ASSUME THIS IS ALL PART OF ONE  
12   COUNTY-WIDE EFFORT THAT FOLDS INTO THAT, THIS MOTION FOLDS  
13   INTO THAT EFFORT?

14

15   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ABSOLUTELY. EVEN THE DISCUSSION OF SUPERVISOR  
16   ANTONOVICH EARLIER WITH RESPECT TO FEDERAL STIMULUS DOLLARS  
17   FOR I.T. SYSTEMS, IT HAS TO ALL COME TOGETHER. IT WOULD BE  
18   CRAZY TO HAVE THREE SEPARATE EFFORTS. SO WE WILL DO THAT.

19

20   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, TO MR. FUJIOKA THROUGH THE  
21   CHAIR, THERE IS NOTHING IN THE MOTION AT THIS POINT THAT HAS  
22   BEEN SAID THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE CONTENT OF THE MOTION  
23   AS YOU INTERPRET THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE BOARD, THE BOARD AS A  
24   WHOLE.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. ANY FURTHER  
2   DISCUSSION? ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.  
3   SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS, PLEASE?

4

5   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. THERE ARE TWO  
6   MOTIONS THAT I WOULD APPRECIATE US TAKING NOTE OF. FIRST IS  
7   THE PASSING OF FLOSSIE LOUISE CHRISTOPHER. LONG-TIME SECOND  
8   DISTRICT RESIDENT AND DEDICATED MEMBER OF THE GREATER EBENEZER  
9   MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 3 AT THE AGE OF  
10   97 YEARS. SHE WAS AN AVID READER AND ENJOYED HER HOBBY OF  
11   SEWING TREMENDOUSLY. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER  
12   CHILDREN, ERNEST, CHRISTOPHER, JR., HAROLD CHRISTOPHER SENIOR.  
13   JOSEPH CHRISTOPHER, SARAH, CAROL BOOTY AND CARL CHRISTOPHER  
14   SENIOR AS WELL AS A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF  
15   HER CONGREGATION. ADDITIONALLY, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS,  
16   FRANK HARRIS, A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY WORKFORCE, SPECIFICALLY  
17   THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDING AND SAFETY EMPLOYEE  
18   WHO PASSED RATHER SUDDENLY, JUST YESTERDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2009.  
19   HE WAS FORMERLY WITH THE BUILDING AND SAFETY UNIT THE  
20   FLORENCE-FIRESTONE OFFICE AND MORE RECENTLY WITH THE LOMITA  
21   OFFICE. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.  
22   AND WHILE ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE, MADAME CHAIR, MAY I TAKE THE  
23   OPPORTUNITY TO INDICATE THAT I HAD THE HONOR OF REPRESENTING  
24   THE BOARD YESTERDAY ON THE OCCASION OF THE 115TH BIRTHDAY OF  
25   GERTRUDE GAINES, BORN IN 1894, NOW DOCUMENTED BY GUINNESS AS



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1 THE OLDEST LIVING PERSON IN THE WORLD, THE RESIDENT OF THE  
2 SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. SO WE CHEER HER ON, AND GIVE  
3 HER--

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE ALL WISH HER A HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MISS GAINES.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** VERY GOOD. I ALSO HAVE TWO ADJOURNMENTS. I'D LIKE  
10 TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARY SALDANA, THE  
11 BELOVED OF A MOTHER OF A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, LINDA MARMOLEJO.  
12 MARY WAS A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT. WE WANT  
13 TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO LINDA AND HER ENTIRE  
14 FAMILY. I'D ALSO LIKE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF FIRST  
15 DISTRICT RESIDENT OF RALPH ALLEN BLUNT, BELOVED FATHER OF  
16 C.E.O. ANALYST JAMES BLUNT. RALPH WAS A VERY PROUD U.S.  
17 VETERAN, ALSO WORKED ON THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR NEARLY  
18 THREE DECADES. HE WAS ALSO VERY ACTIVE IN HIS CHURCH AS WELL  
19 AS IN THE COMMUNITY. SO WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO  
20 RALPH AND HIS ENTIRE FAMILY. SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.  
21 MR. YAROSLAVSKY, DID YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS, PLEASE?

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS.  
24 MY FIRST ADJOURNING MOTION I'M VERY SADDENED TO REPORT THAT  
25 ALFRED FLORES, JR., A CONSTITUENT OF MINE AND A LONG TIME



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1 RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT, DIED TRAGICALLY IN A DRIVE-BY  
2 SHOOTING AT THE AGE OF 18 ON EARLY FRIDAY MORNING. ALFRED IS  
3 THE SON OF FRED FLORES, WHO IS A LONG-TIME AIDE AND CONTINUES  
4 TO SERVE AS AN AIDE TO CONGRESSMAN HOWARD BERMAN IN THE SAN  
5 FERNANDO VALLEY OFFICE AND FRED'S ALSO MY APPOINTEE ON THE  
6 COUNTY VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMISSION. HIS MOTHER, CHRISTINE,  
7 IS SURVIVED ALSO BY HIS MOTHER CHRISTINE AND SIBLINGS, GINA,  
8 HEATHER, JENNIFER, JIMMY, JOHNNY, JESSIE, JUSTIN ANTHONY AND  
9 ALEC, AND HIS GRANDPARENTS, OLIVA, RITA, ALFRED AND AMANDO.  
10 THE FUNERAL IS ON WEDNESDAY, TOMORROW MORNING, WEDNESDAY  
11 MORNING AT 10 A.M. MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH IN PACOIMA. ASK ALL  
12 MEMBERS TO JOIN IN THAT ONE. IT'S OKAY? ALSO ASK THAT WE  
13 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MAURICE JARRE, OSCAR WINNING FILM  
14 COMPOSER BEST KNOWN FOR HIS SCORES FOR "DR. ZHIVAGO,"  
15 "LAWRENCE OF ARABIA," "PASSAGE TO INDIA," AMONG OTHERS, WHO  
16 DIED AT THE AGE OF 84. AND WROTE SOME OF THE GREAT SCORES THAT  
17 WE'RE ALL FAMILIAR WITH AND PROBABLY HUM FROM TIME TO TIME.  
18 EVOCATIVE, ROMANTIC, PASSIONATE, DRAMATIC SCORES THAT HAVE  
19 STOOD THE TEST OF TIME. THOSE ARE MY TWO MOTIONS.  
20  
21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS, INCLUDING THE  
22 ALL MEMBERS THAT WAS READ BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THOSE  
23 CONCLUDE ALL THE ITEMS BEFORE US. WE NOW HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT.  
24 I'D LIKE JOSHUA KIM TO JOIN US, FOLLOWED BY SUSAN BURTON, MIKE



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1 CHATTOM AND EVELYN THIBEAUX, IF THEY'D COME UP. MR. KIM IF  
2 YOU'D BEGIN.

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4 **JOSHUA KIM:** THANK YOU. WELL, AS IT IS WELL KNOWN, PEOPLE WITH  
5 CRIMINAL RECORDS COME BACK AND STRUGGLE TO REINTEGRATE EVERY  
6 DAY. THE CHALLENGES THAT THEY FACE ARE ENORMOUS. AND WE'RE  
7 HERE TODAY TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO KEEP THEM IN MIND AT  
8 EVERY OPPORTUNITY. AS YOU DISCUSS EXISTING POLICIES AFFECTING  
9 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES UNDER YOUR PURVIEW. FOR EXAMPLE, WE  
10 UNDERSTAND THAT THE COUNTY CURRENTLY HAS A HIRING FREEZE IN  
11 PLACE. BEFORE THE COUNTY TURNS AROUND AND/OR THE FEDERAL  
12 STIMULUS PACKAGE MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO LIFT THIS FREEZE, RIGHT  
13 NOW IS A GREAT TIME FOR US TO EXAMINE WHAT THE COUNTY CAN DO  
14 TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. WE DO HAVE A COUPLE PROPOSALS THAT WILL  
15 INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY WHILE AFFORDING PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL  
16 RECORDS AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME BACK WITH STABLE JOBS. WE DO  
17 NOT INTEND TO PRESENT THIS PARTICULARS OF OUR PROPOSALS TODAY,  
18 BUT WE HOPE THAT OUR PRESENCE HERE TODAY WILL RESTART OUR  
19 DIALOGUE WITH THIS BOARD ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT AND PRESSING  
20 ISSUE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUSAN BURTON:** HI, MY NAME IS SUSAN BURTON AND I'M DIRECTOR OF  
23 A NEW WAY OF LIFE RE-ENTRY PROJECT AND AN ORGANIZING MEMBER OF  
24 ALL OF US OR NONE. WE WERE HERE FEBRUARY 10TH. I WAS HERE  
25 FEBRUARY 10TH. AND FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO SAY TO SUPERVISOR



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1 MOLINA THAT IT WAS NOT MY INTENT TO GET INTO SUCH A HEATED  
2 DEBATE WITH HER. I GUESS PASSION AND COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS THE  
3 CONCERNS OR TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE SERVICES  
4 COMING HOME FROM PRISONS AND JAILS SORT OF DROVE THAT FOR ME.  
5 I JUST WANTED TO PUT THAT OUT FRONT. BUT, YOU KNOW, IT  
6 CONTINUES TO BE A CHALLENGE IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL  
7 DISTRICT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO ARE COMING BACK INTO  
8 OUR COMMUNITY, TO MEET THE NEEDS AND ADVOCATE FOR JOBS FOR  
9 THOSE WHO ARE COMING BACK INTO THAT DISTRICT. AND I JUST WANT  
10 TO KEEP IN THE LIGHT THAT THE SUPERVISORS WILL CONNECT WITH  
11 THIS NEED. AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN TALK. WE'VE TRIED ON SEVERAL  
12 OCCASIONS TO CALL YOUR OFFICES TO SET UP APPOINTMENTS TO COME  
13 IN TO TALK WITH YOU OR YOUR CHIEFS OF STAFF OR YOUR STAFF  
14 MEMBERS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A DIALOGUE. WE'VE BEEN  
15 WORKING AROUND SOME ISSUES AND WE THINK WE CAME UP WITH SOME  
16 OF THE SOLUTIONS TO BEGIN TO ADDRESS IT AND HOPE THAT WE CAN  
17 CONNECT WITH YOU. WE HOPE THAT WE CAN CONNECT WITH YOU, THAT  
18 WE CAN COME INTO YOUR OFFICES AND TALK TO YOU AND MAYBE  
19 PERHAPS YOU CAN LOOK AT THESE PROPOSALS. SO THANK YOU.

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21 **EVELYN THIBEAUX:** MY NAME IS EVELYN THIBEAUX, AND I'M THE  
22 DIRECTOR OF ACHIEVERS HOUSE, A TRANSITIONAL LIVING FOR WOMEN.  
23 I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE PEOPLE  
24 THAT ARE ON PAROLE THAT COME FROM PRISON THAT ATTEND THE  
25 PROGRAMS THAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO ALL THE MEETINGS THAT



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1    THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO, AND THEY KIND OF DO THE THINGS THAT  
2    THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO, AND THEN IT COMES TO EMPLOYMENT AND THEN  
3    THERE'S A DOWN HILL. SOME OF THESE PEOPLE ARE EMPLOYABLE. SOME  
4    OF THESE PEOPLE WANT TO WORK. AND I REALLY BELIEVE THAT THEY  
5    DESERVE A CHANCE TO TRANSCEND BACK INTO SOCIETY. AND PART OF  
6    THAT IS EMPLOYMENT. BECAUSE SOME OF THEM HAVE CHILDREN. THEY  
7    HAVE FAMILIES. AND THEY WANT TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES  
8    JUST LIKE ANYBODY ELSE. THEY WANT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE  
9    THINGS THAT OTHER PEOPLE HAVE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11    **MIKE CHATTOM:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MIKE CHATTOM, I'M THE  
12    EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY LEGAL RESEARCH CENTER. I DO  
13    JOIN WITH MY FELLOW COLLEAGUES TODAY AND LOOKING AT THE  
14    BACKGROUND OF THOSE WHO ARE FORMALLY INCARCERATED AND NEED  
15    AMPLE EMPLOYMENT THEIR LIVELIHOOD AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES. IT  
16    HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT IN THE RECENT ELECTIONS IN THE  
17    PAST, WE HAVE SOUGHT EMPLOYMENT WHEN WORKING WITH IN THE L.A.  
18    COUNTY OFFICE IN 2400 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY. WE HAVE ASKED  
19    SUPERVISORS TO BE CONSIDERATE ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT CONCERN  
20    THEM WHEN THEY APPLY FOR JOBS IN THAT AREA, PARTICULARLY IN  
21    THE AREAS OF ELECTIONS. AS IT CAME TO MY ATTENTION ALMOST TWO  
22    WEEKS AGO, THEY HAVE NOW INSTITUTED THE LIVE SCAN BACKGROUND.  
23    IN THE PAST, THEY HAVE ASKED US TO SUBMIT DRIVER'S LICENSES  
24    AND H-6 PAST PRINTOUTS OF THEIR DRIVER'S RECORDS OF THE  
25    INDIVIDUALS. BUT WITH THIS IN MIND, IT'S CAUSED A GREAT



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1 CONCERN BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE WOULD NOT COME FORWARD AND APPLY  
2 FOR THESE JOBS WHEN THEY HAVE TO DO A LIVE SCAN BECAUSE THEY  
3 KNOW THEY PASSED. WE WOULD LIKE IT TO BE INSTITUTED THAT THEIR  
4 FORMER EMPLOYMENT WOULD BE CONSIDERED AND THAT THEIR DRIVING  
5 RECORD WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS THEIR EMPLOYMENT TOWARD DRIVING  
6 THE TRUCKS THAT ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT A NEW  
7 PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTIONS NEXT THURSDAY COMING FORWARD MAY  
8 19TH. SO WE WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO KNOW THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS  
9 ARE NEEDING THESE JOBS TO CARRY OUT OUR ELECTIONS IN OUR  
10 COUNTY. SO THAT IS MY CONCERN. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. LET US CALL UP CHARSLEEN POE AND WALTER  
13 BECKTEL, SHELIAH WARD AND NICOLE PARSON.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** PLEASE PROCEED.

16

17 **CHARSLEEN POE:** I GUESS I'LL BE FIRST. MY NAME IS CHARSLEEN  
18 POE, AND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT  
19 I AM PART OF NEW WAY OF LIFE. I'M A RESIDENT THERE. AND WHAT  
20 I'M HERE TO ASK IS IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE FOR  
21 PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN ON PAROLE AND THAT HAVE BEEN IS TRYING  
22 TO BE REHABILITATED, PLEASE DO SOMETHING TO HELP US. THAT'S  
23 IT.

24



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1   **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. I'M  
2   SHELIAH WARD, I'M HERE REPRESENTING DISCLOSURE WATCH. I'M THE  
3   NATIONAL ORGANIZER FOR THAT ORGANIZATION. I'M HERE ON BEHALF  
4   OF ATTORNEY RICHARD FINES THAT HAS BEEN INCARCERATED FOR  
5   SEVERAL WEEKS FOR NOT DISCLOSING HIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
6   AFTER CHALLENGING THE JUDGES THAT HAVE BEEN MISAPPROPRIATING  
7   FUNDS AND MISAPPROPRIATING THEIR ABILITY TO BE JUDGES IN THIS  
8   UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. AND THIS ENERGY IS PROPOSED SO THAT  
9   WE CAN HAVE AN AMERICA TO LIVE IN. WE HAVE OVER 38,000  
10   CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE. THERE WAS A LAW JUST PASSED BY KAREN  
11   BASS SAYING THAT THESE FOSTER CARE CHILDREN NOW HAVE TO STAY  
12   IN FOSTER CARE UNTIL THEY'RE 21. IMAGINE, IF YOU WILL, YOU'RE  
13   IN FOSTER CARE. THEY CHANGED YOUR NAME WHEN YOU WERE A BABY.  
14   YOU GROW UP. YOU DON'T KNOW WHO YOUR FAMILY IS. THE PEOPLE  
15   THAT ADOPTED YOU, THEY ARE NO LONGER IN THE WORLD. SO YOU'RE  
16   ALONE IN THE WORLD WITH NO WHERE TO GO AND NOTHING TO DO. SO  
17   WHAT DO YOU DO? YOU COME TOGETHER WITH PEOPLE YOUR AGE AND  
18   THAT HAVE THE SAME DISPARITIES THAT YOU HAVE, AND YOU ORGANIZE  
19   WHAT IS CALLED A GANG. WHEN YOU GET THIS GANG ORGANIZED, THEN  
20   YOU WANT TO ORGANIZE TYRANNY AND ANARCHY BECAUSE YOU DON'T  
21   LIKE THE WORLD, YOU THINK IT'S NOT WORKING FOR YOU. SO I'M  
22   HERE TO APPEAL FOR THOSE FOSTER CARE CHILDREN, I'M HERE  
23   AGAINST THE UNRIGHTEOUSNESS THAT'S BEING DONE IN OUR POLITICAL  
24   SYSTEM. WE DON'T HAVE ANOTHER WORLD TO LIVE IN. I CAN IMAGINE  
25   THIS IS THE STATE OF THE RACE THAT ROME HAD IN THE DAY OF



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1 ROME. AND THIS IS WHY ROME WAS DESTROYED FROM WITHIN AND NOT  
2 FROM WITHOUT. I'M NOT HERE REPRESENTING DESTRUCTION OF THIS  
3 COUNTRY, BUT THAT WE COME TOGETHER WITH THIS BOARD AND DO  
4 SOMETHING ABOUT THESE CHILDREN. OVER 38,000 IN FOSTER CARE IN  
5 THE STATE, IN THIS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ALONE. THAT'S NOT  
6 COUNTING THE AMOUNT OF FOSTER CHILDREN NATIONWIDE. YOU HAVE  
7 INDIRECTION THAT IS ENERGY OUT THERE. AND IT'S GOING TO BE A  
8 TIME BOMB WORSE THAN ANYTHING YOU HAVE SEEN, WORSE THAN THE  
9 DAYS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING WHEN HE DIED AND ALL THE TEENAGERS  
10 ROSE UP TO DESTROY THIS COUNTRY, WORSE THAN ANYTHING THAT YOU  
11 COULD EVER IMAGINE. SO I'M PLEADING TO YOU THAT SOMETHING BE  
12 DONE ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THESE FOSTER CARE CHILDREN.  
13 EVEN ANIMALS, WHEN YOU PUT THEM IN A GANG PARK, THEY FIGHT  
14 AGAINST ONE ANOTHER BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE DIRECTION OF  
15 THE CULTURE OF THEIR ELDERS. SO WE NEED SOMETHING TO BE DONE  
16 ABOUT THIS FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND THAT IF YOU PUT ATTORNEY  
17 FINES IN JAIL FROM DOING THE RIGHT THING AND HE'S AN ATTORNEY  
18 REPRESENTING MINORITY PEOPLE, THE PEOPLE ARE OUTRAGED. THEY'RE  
19 LIKE, "WELL THIS IS WHAT THEY'RE DOING TO US." SO IN SPITE OF  
20 THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A BLACK PRESIDENT, THAT IS NOT ENOUGH.  
21 PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING BETTER TO BE DONE IN OUR  
22 SOCIETY SO THAT WE CAN LIVE BETTER AS HUMAN BEINGS AROUND THE  
23 WORLD. YESTERDAY A REVOLT IN SCHOOLS BECAUSE OF FOSTER CARE,  
24 TOMORROW REVOLTS IN THE STREETS. YOU DON'T WANT THAT. THE NEXT  
25 REVOLT WILL END THIS WORLD AS WE KNOW IT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH MUCH. SIR?

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4 **WALTER BECKTEL:** OH, OKAY. MY NAME IS WALTER CHARLES BECKTEL.  
5 MY NAME IS WALTER CHARLES BECKTEL. I WANTED TO COME BACK IN  
6 AND SAY SOMETHING. I WAS OVER AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE OVER  
7 HERE YESTERDAY AND I NOTICED THAT THE PUBLIC INDEX COMPUTERS  
8 ARE ALL REMOVED. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY HOW ARE YOU GOING TO  
9 MAKE MONEY FROM THE COURTHOUSE IF PEOPLE CAN'T GET IN AND LOOK  
10 AT THEIR CASE NUMBERS AND SEE WHAT THE CASES ARE, GETTING  
11 INVOLVED IN CASES, ET CETERA. THERE ARE TWO COMPUTERS LEFT NOW  
12 THAT YOU ONLY HAVE FIVE MINUTES TO LOOK AT. AND SOMETIMES THE  
13 LINES GET VERY LONG OVER THERE. I DON'T KNOW WHOSE IDEA IT WAS  
14 TO REMOVE THOSE. I THINK THAT'S A BAD IDEA. THERE ARE SEVERAL  
15 COMPUTERS IN DIFFERENT LIBRARIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY YOU  
16 COULD HAVE BORROWED THOSE. I DON'T SEE WHAT AN IN-HOUSE  
17 COMPUTER SYSTEM WOULD COST YOU INDEXING YOUR OWN COURT CASES.  
18 HOW IS THAT GOING TO BE MONEY OUT THE DOOR THERE? ACTUALLY  
19 YOU'RE CUTTING YOUR OWN THROAT THERE. YOU'RE GOING TO BE  
20 LOSING MONEY. ALSO, I WANTED TO MAKE FURTHER MENTION ABOUT, I  
21 SAID SOMETHING LAST TIME HERE ABOUT MERCHANDISING TERRORISM. I  
22 MENTIONED ABOUT SHOES AND PROBLEMS OF THE QUALITY CONTROL OF  
23 SHOES. I THINK THAT'S STARTING TO GET AROUND NOW. OTHER PEOPLE  
24 HAVE THE SAME PROBLEMS. IT'S NOT JUST WITH THE TOYS. WE HAD  
25 PROBLEMS WITH THE TOYS FROM CHINA. BUT THERE'S OTHER PRODUCTS,



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1 TOO. I DON'T THINK ANYBODY NOTICED SHOES BECAUSE YOU PUT YOUR  
2 FOOT IN THE SHOE AND NOBODY NOTICES. THEY DON'T WANT TO SHOW  
3 THEIR FEET OFF. THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH THE SHOES. BUT I THINK  
4 THIS IS MORE THAN JUST SOMETHING FROM CHINA. I THINK THERE'S  
5 THE WAY THE WHOLE ATTITUDE PEOPLE HAVE ABOUT FINDING-- PEOPLE  
6 ARE TAKING INVENTORIES, FINDING OUT WHAT CUSTOMERS BUY AND  
7 INSTEAD OF TRYING TO IMPROVE THE PRODUCT, THEY TRY TO  
8 DEPRECATE THE PRODUCT, LOWER THE QUALITY, LOWER THE AMOUNT OF  
9 THE PRICE OR IN MANY CASES I FIND IF A PRODUCT IS VERY  
10 POPULAR, THEY REMOVE IT RIGHT FROM THE SHELF. THEY DON'T WANT  
11 TO PUT IT UP FOR SALE ANY MORE. SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S  
12 GOING ON HERE. THERE'S OTHER THINGS I WANT TO TALK ABOUT. I  
13 BELIEVE THAT'S THE SOURCE, HOWEVER, OF THIS SALMONELLA  
14 PROBLEM. SOME OF THE SNACK FOODS THAT ARE COOKED WITH-- THAT  
15 HAVE PEANUT OIL IN THEM, I NOTICED, ARE CAUSING ME PROBLEMS.  
16 AND I THINK THAT'S THE ROOT OF IT THERE. THIS ATTITUDE THAT  
17 PEOPLE HAVE ABOUT THE WAY THEY SHOULD TREAT THEIR CUSTOMERS.  
18

19 **SUP. MOLINA" ALL RIGHT, SIR, THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT WE HAVE**  
20 **NICOLE PARSON.**

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22 **>>NICOLE PARSON:** HI. THIS IS NICOLE PARSON. I'D LIKE TO  
23 SUPPORT THE CROSS BOARD COLLABORATION OF INFORMATION  
24 TECHNOLOGY WHICH I CALL IT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS. AND I'M  
25 WARRANTED ACTIONS IN HOW CROSS BOARD COLLABORATIONS ALL TIE IN



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1 TOGETHER. THERE'S THIS LIST HERE OF PUBLIC AGENCIES IN  
2 ANTELOPE VALLEY HERE THAT I PUT TOGETHER JUST FOR SOME TYPE OF  
3 CLASS COLLABORATION IN MY HEAD. UNWARRANTED WOULD BE SOMETHING  
4 LIKE YOUR CAR'S TOWED OFF THE STREET BEFORE 72 HOURS. SEWER,  
5 SEPTIC SERVICE IS DENIED TO A PERSON WHO FILLED OUT A PROPER  
6 APPLICATION. AND UNWARRANTED BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE ARE  
7 OSTRACIZED AND SOME PEOPLE ARE THOUGHT TO BE PSYCHOTIC. AND  
8 IT'S OFTEN FOUND IN PEOPLE WHO ARE CREATIVE AND HAVE A  
9 DIFFERENT WAY OF THINKING. AND THEN THE REASON WHY I SUPPORT  
10 THE COLLABORATIONS IS BECAUSE, WELL, CRIME, I SAID BEFORE IF  
11 YOU NEVER HEARD IT, BREEDS CRIME. BUT IN ALL THESE INSTANCES,  
12 THERE WERE BUSINESSES. AND THEN I WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT  
13 REINVESTMENT. REINVESTMENT INTO PEOPLE, YEAH, OR REINVESTMENTS  
14 IN OUR TIME OFF, OUR MANDATORY TIMES OFF AND TAKING \$12,000  
15 AND PUTTING IT INTO A PLAN, SOMETHING FOR OUR KIDS. BUT  
16 REINVEST. AND TAKING IT UPON OURSELVES. AND ALL OF US HAVE A  
17 JOB PROBABLY IN OUR HOME. HOW MUCH WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO  
18 GIVE FOR TO GET THAT JOB DONE? SO WE HAVE TO REINVEST AND NOT  
19 JUST COUNT ON HIGHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT OR SOCIETY. AND SO  
20 WHEN A PERSON IS-- HAS A MUTUAL AGREEMENT, THEN, WELL, A  
21 DESIGN, THEY OWN THE TECHNOLOGY AND TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHTS  
22 AND SOMETIMES THEY CAN SELL IT OUTRIGHT OR THAT'S ABOUT IT.  
23 AND FOR JOBS AND EVERYTHING, LIKE WE HAVE TO PROLONG  
24 TECHNOLOGIES AND WE'VE-- THERE'S FIVE TRANSFERS.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE YOUR COMMENTS?

2

3    **NICOLE PARSON:** ON THE 16TH.

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5    **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MISS PARSON. ALL RIGHT. NEXT  
6    WE HAVE ARNOLD SACHS. MR. SACHS?

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8    **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I WAS GOING  
9    TO TALK ABOUT THIS WHEN YOU HAD THE BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY  
10    HOSPITAL, BUT I DECIDED NOT TO. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU SAW THE  
11    ARTICLE IN THE L.A. TIMES FROM THIS PAST SATURDAY THAT COUNTY  
12    U.S.C. FINED FOR FUMES. AND YOU HAVE ADDRESSED THE PROBLEM.  
13    BUT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE ARTICLE, AND I'M GOING TO QUOTE, I'M  
14    GOING TO READ THIS PART, "THE ISSUE OF HELICOPTER FUMES IN  
15    BUILDINGS WAS WIDESPREAD ENOUGH TO PROMPT A 2004 FEDERAL  
16    AVIATION ADMINISTRATION ADMINISTRATIVE REMINDER. THESE ISSUES  
17    SHOULD BE RESOLVED DURING FACILITY DESIGN, THE RECOMMENDATION  
18    SAID." THAT'S 2004. WHAT HAPPENED ISN'T NECESSARILY A MISTAKE.  
19    IT'S LIKE NEGLIGENCE. WHEN WILL THE NEGLIGENCE THAT OCCURRED  
20    IN THE DESIGN OF COUNTY U.S.C. BE ADDRESSED? YOU ADDRESSED THE  
21    PROBLEM WITH FILTERS. BUT THAT'S ABSOLUTE NEGLIGENCE. IF THE  
22    F.A.A. SENDS OUT A REMINDER AND THE DESIGN IS EXACTLY OPPOSITE  
23    OF WHAT THE REMINDER STATES, DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME. BUT  
24    THAT'S JUST ME. I WISH SOMEBODY WOULD LOOK INTO THAT. THEN I  
25    STILL WILL SPEND MY LAST MINUTE AND A HALF DISCUSSING YOUR



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1 PLAN AND YOUR PROGRAM AND TO HAVE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
2 COME UP HERE AND PLEAD FOR MORE MONEY REGARDING THE BACKLOG OF  
3 RAPE CASES. BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY, THE ACTIONS THAT  
4 BOTH BOARDS, THE COUNTY BOARD AND THE SITTING CITY COUNCIL,  
5 HAVE TAKEN TO HAVE TESTIMONY, TO HAVE PEOPLE COME UP IN THE  
6 CITY AND DECRY THE FACT THAT THERE'S A HUGE BACKLOG WHEN  
7 NOBODY HAS ADDRESSED THE FACT THAT THE FEDERAL FUNDING THAT  
8 WOULD HAVE MANDATED EXTENDING THE NUMBER OF CATEGORIES THAT  
9 WOULD HAVE REQUIRED A D.N.A. SAMPLE DID NOT ALSO ADDRESS THE  
10 FACT THAT YOU WOULD HAVE NEEDED ADDED MANPOWER. IF YOU HAD A  
11 BACKLOG BEFORE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING TOOK PLACE, YOU  
12 WOULD HAVE HAD AN ADDITIONAL BACKLOG BECAUSE YOU WOULD HAVE  
13 HAD MORE CASES COMING IN. AND YOU JUST TOOK THE MONEY AND YOU  
14 DID NOTHING WITH IT. YOU BOUGHT RAPE KIT CASES. WELL, I'M NOT  
15 SAYING THAT TELEVISION TELLS EVERYTHING, BUT IF YOU WATCH  
16 C.S.I., YOU WATCH ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS, BASICALLY A D.N.A.  
17 KIT IS A SWAB WITH A PLASTIC ENVELOPE OR A TEST TUBE. YOU SWAP  
18 THE PERSON, YOU PUT THE ITEM IN THE TEST TUBE AND YOU SEND IT  
19 OFF TO PROCESSING. HOW MUCH DOES THAT COST IN FUNDING? YOU LET  
20 THESE PEOPLE OUT ON THE LIMB. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
21 TIME, ANSWERS AND ATTENTION.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WE ARE ADJOURNED AND WE ARE READY TO  
24 GO INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
2 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
3 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. C.S.-1 AND C.S.-  
4 2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
5 LITIGATION, ITEM NO. C.S.-3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
6 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE; ITEM  
7 NO. C.S.-4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION  
8 OF LEGAL ACTION, ONE CASE, AND ITEM C.S.-5 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT  
9 CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF POSITION OF  
10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AS ON  
11 THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON APRIL 7, 2009

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5 No reportable action was taken on items CS-1, CS-2, CS-3 or  
6 CS-5.

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8 CS-4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

9 (Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

10 Initiation of litigation (one case) (09-0552)

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12 ACTION TAKEN: The Board approved the initiation of litigation.

13 The names of the parties and the pleadings will be available  
14 upon inquiry by any person after they have been filed by the  
15 Court.

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17 The vote of the Board was unanimous with Supervisor Knabe  
18 being absent.

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter  
2 Number 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of  
3 California, do hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the  
5 Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors April 7, 2009,  
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my  
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as  
9 archived in the office of the reporter and which  
10 have been provided to the Los Angeles County Board of  
11 Supervisors as certified by me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th  
16 day of April 2009, for the County records to be used only for  
17 authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts  
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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